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OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

OF THE

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II.

GENERAL MINUTES.

Question I. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer: John E. White, Francis B. McSparran, John C. Granbery, Jr., Jesse B. Lavinder, James E. Oyler, Robert Coleman Garland, Samuel J. Battin, Ernest L. Peerman.

Question II. Who remain on trial?

Answer: Eugene J. Potts, Thomas E. Johnson, Charles E. Blankenship, Lloyd T. Williams, Lewis C. Shearer, Henry F. B. Martin, Alexander L. Franklin, George E. B. Smith, John D. Hosier, Graham H. Lambeth, Wilkinson L. Ware, and Patrick Henry Clement. (Thomas E. Johnson as of third year's class; G. H. Lambeth as of first year's class.)

Question III. Who are discontinued?

Answer: None.

Question IV. Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer: Wm. C. Pace, M. S. Colonna, Jr., John W. Parrish, Charles T. Gibbs, D. W. Reed, W. T. A. Haynes, Gustavus W. Dyer, Robert L. Wingfield, George W. Jones, Frederick G. Davis.

Question V. Who are re-admitted?

Answer: None.

Question VI. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer: Edgar H. Rowe, an elder from the South Georgia Conference; Ro. M. Saunders, an elder from the Tennessee Conference.

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Answer: None.

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Answer: Their names were called, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

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Answer: 788.

Question XXVII. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

Answer: (Including officers) 8,666.

Question XXVIII. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

Answer: 59,735.

Question XXIX. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer: \$13,000.

Question XXX. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Answer: From pastoral charges.....	\$ 9,469 16
From Publishing House.....	1,210 00
From Colvin bequest.....	28 00
From Hall Fund.....	146 00
Total.....	\$10,853 16

Applied to superannuated preachers, widows and orphans, \$10,900 00

Question XXXI. What has been contributed for missions?

Answer: Foreign, \$15,902.58; also by Rosebuds, \$3,388.83; Domestic, \$9,517.95.

Question XXXII. What has been contributed for Church Extension?

Answer: \$3,369.24.

Question XXXIII. What has been done for the American Bible Society?

Answer: Collected \$483.64.

Question XXXIV. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge?

Answer: Presiding Elders, \$16,743.21; preachers in charge, \$165,872.80.

Question XXXV. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?

Answer: \$2,750.09.

Question XXXVI. What is the number of Societies, and the number and the estimated value of Church edifices?

Answer: No. Societies, 764; No. Church edifices, 744; Value, \$1,721,500.

Question XXXVII. What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them?

Answer: No. of charges, 212; No. of parsonages, 137; Value, \$243,050.

Question XXXVIII. What is the number and value of district parsonages?

Answer: No. district parsonages, 3; Value, \$8,000.

Question XXXIX. What are the educational statistics?

Answer: (See report of Board of Education.)

Question XL. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Answer: At Danville, Va.

Question XLI. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer: (See Appointments.)

ERRATA.

In answer to Question XXXVI, value of Churches should read "\$1,822,050," instead of "\$1,721,500."

On page 22, the name of W. R. Crowder, Preacher-in-Charge of Capeville Station (Eastern Shore District) was accidentally omitted.

III.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

First Day:

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, was held at Lynchburg, Va., beginning on Wednesday, November 11th, 1896, Bishop W. W. DUNCAN presiding.

The Conference was called to order at half-past nine o'clock A. M. by Bishop Duncan, who conducted Divine service; after which he made an address to the Conference.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and 203 clerical members and 28 lay delegates answered to their names. (There were present during the Session 242 clerical members and 40 lay delegates—about 91 per cent. of the number enrolled.)

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and S. S. Lambeth and Ernest Stevens Assistant Secretaries.

On motion of A. Coke Smith, the hours of meeting and adjournment, daily, were fixed at nine o'clock A. M. and one o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Presiding Elder of the Lynchburg District and the preachers stationed in Lynchburg and its suburbs, were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The Committee on Memoirs was, according to regulation on that subject, constituted as follows: Paul Whitehead, Wm. E. Judkins and John J. Lafferty.

A communication from the Book Agents of the M. E. Church, South, was laid before Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from the Secretaries of our Board of Missions (Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., and Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D.) was laid before the Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

A communication from the Church Extension Board of our Church (through Dr. D. Morton, Secretary), was laid before Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Board of Church Extension of this Conference; as was also a communication from the Woman's Parsonage Home Mission Society (through Mrs. Hargrove, President), which was also read to Conference.

A communication from Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., General Secretary of the Epworth League of our Church, was laid before Conference, read, and, on motion of Geo. H. Ray, was referred to a committee of five, with E. H. Rawlings as chairman; and the Bishop was requested to appoint the other members of the committee, and accordingly designated Geo. H. Ray, W. B. Beauchamp, G. H. McFaden and E. G. Moseley as such.

The Committees and Boards of the Conference were constituted for the present session. (See Conference Boards and Committees.)

Minute Question 6, "Who are transferred from other Conferences?" was called, and the following was announced: Robert M. Saunders, an elder from Tennessee Conference.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of three to nominate a Committee on Conference Relations. The Chair appointed Wm. E. Edwards, T. McN. Simpson and James L. Spencer to compose said committee.

On motion of J. L. Spencer, a committee of three was ordered on the subject of temperance, and the Chair appointed W. W. Lear, R. Ferguson and J. L. Spencer to compose the committee.

Minute Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?" was called, and the followed elders passed in examination of character: Alexander M. Hall, James A. Riddick, Joseph J. Edwards, Robert N. Crooks, John McClelland, W. A. Robinson, Herbert T. Bacon, W. A. Crocker, John R. Dey, James R. Waggener, Thomas P. Wise, James F. Brannin, Thos. J. Bayton, E. M. Jordan, David M. Wallace, Jacob Manning, Lemuel S. Reed, John L. Clarke, James E. Gates, John W. Crider, Wm. F. Bain, and, on motion, their names, respectively, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

Wm. H. Camper, Thomas H. Early, Henry C. Bowles, Wm. W. Southall, Wm. E. Grant and Joseph A. Proctor, passed in examination of character, and, on motion, the name of H. C. Bowles was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation, and those of W. H. Camper, Thos. H. Early, W. W. Southall and Joseph A. Proctor for the supernumerary relation.

And then the Conference adjourned.

Second Day.

THURSDAY, November 12, 1896.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Duncan in the chair

Divine service was conducted by Wm. F. Bain.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

H. C. Morrison, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Board of Missions of our Church, was introduced to Conference.

A communication from R. J. Bigham, D. D., Secretary of Education of the M. E. Church, South, was laid before Conference, read and, on motion, referred to the Board of Education of this Conference.

R. N. Sledd, from the Mission Board of this Conference, reported the name of J. W. S. Robins to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of W. G. Bates to another Board; and the nomination was confirmed by the Conference.

John O. Moss was appointed to receive the sums due from the preachers for the Conference Minutes of the last session.

A communication from Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday-school Editor of our Church, was laid before the Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Sunday-school Board.

Letters to the Conference from our venerable superannuated brethren, James A. Riddick and John McClelland, were read by the Secretary.

Minute Question 20 was resumed.

The following preamble and resolution were offered and adopted :

WHEREAS, It is thought by some that, for various reasons, the present time of meeting of our Conference is open to serious objections, we, the undersigned, request the appointment of a committee, consisting of one preacher and one layman from each District, to be nominated by the Presiding Elders, which committee shall look carefully into the conditions obtaining in various sections of the Conference, and report to the Conference the best time for holding its annual session.

(Signed) JAS. CANNON, JR., R. W. WATTS,
J. H. RIDDICK, and others.

Minute Question 8, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" was taken up, and William C. Pace, M. S. Colonna, Jr., John W. Parrish, Charles T. Gibbs, Dexter W. Reed, W. T. A. Haynes, Robert L. Wingfield, George W. Jones, Thomas E. Johnson, and Fred. G. Davis passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the prescribed course of study, were severally advanced to the class of the third year; Wm. C. Pace, M. S. Colonna, Jr., Geo. W. Jones, and F. G. Davis were severally elected to deacon's orders; and Eugene J. Potts, being sick and absent from Conference, passed in examination of character, and was continued on trial as of the class of the second year; and, on motion, Thomas E. Johnson was also continued on trial.

Minute Question 12, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" was called, and Edward T. Dadmun, R. Fletcher Beadles, Luther T. Hitt, Richard G. James, Joseph N. Latham, Robert E. Bentley, John R. Gill, W. A. Christian, Adrian L. Carson, Jas. K. Jolliff, George F. Greene, Walter J. Williams, Charles H. Williams, Joseph A. Thomas, Henry E. Johnson, Samuel W. Day, and Benjamin M. Beckham, of the class of the fourth year, passed in examination of character, and, having passed an approved examination on the prescribed course of study, were (with the exception of Henry E. Johnson, who is already an elder, and of Luther T. Hitt, who is absent on account of sickness of his wife, and who is therefore continued as a deacon of the class of the fourth year) severally elected to elder's orders.

Charles W. Leftwich, of this class, passed in examination of character, and was, on motion, continued as a deacon in the class of the fourth year.

James B. Chitty, of this class, having left our Church and joined another, surrendered, through his Presiding Elder, his credentials and ordination as a deacon into the custody of the Conference, and it was ordered that his name be stricken from the Conference roll.

Minute Question 10, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was called, and George T. Kesler, a local preacher of the Danville District; Samuel J. Battin, a local preacher of the Portsmouth District; Daniel T. Merritt, a local preacher of the Norfolk District; and Joseph D. Langley, a local preacher of the Norfolk District, were severally recommended by the District Conferences of those districts as suitable persons to be ordained deacons, and were severally elected to deacon's orders accordingly.

Minute Question 7, "Who are the deacons of one year?" was called, and Samuel C. Hatcher, Jas. Sidney Peters, Geo. E. Booker, Jr., Ernest F. Hall, Frederick W. Proctor, Ro. S. Baughan, Arthur B. Sharpe, Robert T. Waterfield, Wm. B. Beauchamp, Alfred A. Whitmore, and James W. Baker passed in examination

of character, and, having passed an approved examination on the prescribed course of study, were severally advanced to the class of the fourth year.

The committee under the preamble and resolution of Jas. Cannon, Jr., etc., respecting the date of the Conference session, was announced as follows: Joseph E. Potts, J. H. Busby, T. J. Taylor, Gilbert J. Hunt, R. A. Compton, R. O. Peatross, Paul Bradley, W. J. Kidd, R. W. Watts, A. W. Nowlin, W. A. Tompkins, H. M. Akuff, Jas. Cannon, Jr., R. E. Bridgforth, N. B. Foushee, R. B. Davis, M. S. Colonna, Sr., A. W. Eley, W. H. Atwill, A. E. Kellam, J. R. Griffith, C. W. Marsh.

The name of W. E. Bullard was substituted for that of S. D. Turner on the Committee on District Conference Records.

And then the Conference adjourned.

Third Day.

FRIDAY, November 13, 1896.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Wm. E. Judkins.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

R. N. Sledd, from the Board of Missions, reported the nomination of John W. Bradbury to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. L. Marks, which was confirmed by the Conference.

The committee to nominate a Committee on Conference Relations reported the following to compose that committee, which report was adopted: George C. Vanderslice, T. J. Taylor, R. A. Compton, John Q. Rhodes, J. T. Whitley, Joseph W. Shackford, R. F. Gayle, R. M. Maxey, W. H. Edwards, J. D. Hank, and J. Carson Watson.

R. N. Sledd, from the Board of Missions of this Conference, made report No. 1, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was called, and Charles E. Blankenship, Lewis C. Shearer, Henry F. B. Martin, Geo. E. B. Smith, Alexander L. Franklin, John D. Hosier, Graham H. Lambeth, Wilkinson L. Ware, Patrick H. Clements, and Lloyd T. Williams passed in examination of character, and, having (with the exception of Graham H. Lambeth, who is sick and absent from the seat of Conference) passed an approved examination on the prescribed course of study, were severally continued on trial; Graham H. Lambeth as of the class of the first year. And it appearing that George E. B. Smith, Lloyd T. Williams, P. H. Clements, and John D. Hosier were three years consecutively local preachers before their admission into the traveling connection, and have traveled one year in the itinerant work, they were severally elected to deacon's orders; and it was ordered that their names be returned in the answer to Minute Question 10.

Minute Question 10, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was again called, and E. L. Peerman, a local preacher of the Eastern Shore District, was recommended by the District Conference of said district as a suitable person to be ordained deacon, and was elected to deacon's orders accordingly.

Minute Question 8 was resumed, and Gustavus W. Dyer, of the class of the second year, passed in examination of character, and, having passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops, was advanced to the class of the third year.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That our presiding Bishop be requested to appoint three members of this body who shall be authorized to send, on behalf of this body, a message of fraternal greetings to the Baptist State Association now in session in the city of Richmond, Va.

(Signed) J. W. BLEDSOE, ALEX. G. BROWN.

And the Bishop appointed J. W. Bledsoe, Alex. G. Brown, and Wm. E. Judkins as the committee ordered.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and, on motion, the names of Jacob H. Proctor, J. P. Woodward, and C. S. Wamsley were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation, and that of Robert M. Saunders for the supernumerary relation.

Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday-school Editor of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., President of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., were introduced to the Conference.

Bishop Isaac Lane, of the Colored M. E. Church in America, was introduced to Conference, and made an appeal for aid in paying for the building erected for Lane Institute, Jackson, Tenn. A subscription and collection for this purpose was taken, amounting to \$251.

Rev. W. S. Campbell, Secretary of the Bible Society of Virginia, was introduced to the Conference, and spoke on the subject of the distribution of the Bible.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed on the Bible Cause; and the Chair appointed the following to constitute said committee: R. Irby, W. V. Tudor, and F. M. Edwards.

Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., one of the Missionary Secretaries, and Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday-school Editor, made addresses to the Conference.

On motion of A. Coke Smith, the Report of the Board of Education was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

And then the Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day.

SATURDAY, November 14th, 1896.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by James L. Spencer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. E. R. Young, D. D., of the Toronto Conference, Methodist Church of Canada, was introduced to the Conference and spoke a few interesting and stirring words of greeting to the body.

The order of the day was taken up at eleven o'clock A. M., and A. Coke Smith, from the Board of Education, made report, which was read; and Dr. Kilgo addressed the Conference on the subject of Christian Education.

At the close of his address, the further consideration of the report was postponed to Monday morning next at ten o'clock.

Minute Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was called, and William C. Pace, M. S. Colonna, Jr., John W. Parrish, Charles T. Gibbs, Dexter W. Reed, W. T. A. Haynes, Robert L. Wingfield, George W. Jones, Frederick G. Davis and Gustavus W. Dyer, of the classes of the second year, who have passed in

examination of character, and been reported as having passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops, were assembled before the presiding Bishop, and by him examined as the discipline directs, in the presence of the Conference, and thereupon were severally admitted into full connection.

The following question of law, propounded to the Bishop on yesterday in the regular business of the Conference, with the answer thereto made by the Bishop, were reported for record on the Journal of the Conference :

Question: A. A. Whitmore was a local deacon one year before entering the traveling connection. He has been three years in the traveling connection, or a deacon four years. Is he eligible to election to elder's orders?

(Signed) WM. P. WRIGHT, JAS. CANNON, JR.

Answer: This question of law having been decided by Bishop Hendrix, at session of Virginia Conference, 1892, and his decision approved by the College of Bishops, May, 1893, the Chair declines to decide the question submitted, making reference to Par. 576, Discipline 1894.

Lynchburg, Va., November 14th, 1896.

(Signed) W. W. DUNCAN.

And then the Conference adjourned.

Fifth Day.

MONDAY, November 16th, 1896.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Thomas H. Boggs.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

R. W. Watts, from the Committee on the Date of the Conference Session, made report, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

R. Ferguson, from the Committee to Examine District Conference Records, made report, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Minute Question 20 was resumed.

The following response of the Baptist General Association to our telegram of greeting was received and read :

The Baptist General Association of Virginia cordially reciprocates the fraternal greetings of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Church South. Read I. Thessalonians, fifth chapter and twenty-third verse.

J. T. Whitley, from the Committee on Conference Relations, made report as follows :

The Committee on Conference Relations recommend the following brethren for the superannuated relation: Alexander M. Hall, James A. Riddick, Joseph J. Edwards, Robert N. Crooks, John McClelland, Wm. A. Robinson, Herbert T. Bacon, Wm. A. Crocker, John B. Dey, James R. Waggener, Thomas P. Wise, James F. Brannin, Thomas J. Bayton, Edward M. Jordan, David M. Wallace, Jacob Manning, Lemuel S. Reed, John S. Clarke, James E. Gates, John W. Crider, Wm. F. Bain, Henry C. Bowles, Columbus S. Wamsley, Jacob H. Proctor and John P. Woodward.

The following brethren are recommended for the supernumerary relation: Wm. H. Camper, Thomas H. Early, Wm. W. Southall and Joseph A. Proctor.

In the case of brother R. M. Saunders, the committee feel constrained to decline to recommend him for the supernumerary relation.

(Signed) GEORGE C. VANDERSLICE, Chairman.

J. T. WHITLEY, Secretary.

The report was, on motion, adopted, and Minute Questions 17 and 18 were answered accordingly.

During the consideration of this report, motion was made to reject the recommendation of the committee with respect to Henry C. Bowles, but the motion was lost by a large majority.

At ten o'clock A. M., the order of the day was taken up, and Paul Whitehead moved to amend the report of the Board of Education by inserting after the allusion to Blackstone Institute, the following (the amendment appears in its place in the reports—see Reports), which was adopted, and the report as amended was then adopted. (The answer to Minute Question 39, "What are the Educational Statistics?" was furnished by this report.)

And on motion of Paul Whitehead and S. S. Lambeth—

Resolved, That this Conference authorize the Board of Education to appoint committees of visitors, for the present year, to such institutions as shall ask for them.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, reported the appropriations to the several claimants on the Conference Collection funds, which were approved by the Conference. (See Reports.)

The presiding Bishop reported, in answer to Minute Questions 9, 11 and 13, ordinations by him in this city on yesterday.

Minute Question 9: "What travelling preachers are ordained deacons?"

Answer: Ordained at Court-Street Church, November 15th, 1896, at close of morning service—William C. Pace, Major S. Colonna, Jr., George W. Jones and Frederick G. Davis.

Minute Question 11: "What local preachers are ordained deacons?"

Answer: Ordained at Court-Street Church, November 15th, 1896, at close of morning service—George T. Kesler, Samuel J. Battin, Ernest L. Peerman, George E. B. Smith, John D. Hosier, Lloyd T. Williams, P. H. Clements. (The last four of whom are on trial in traveling connection.)

Minute Question 13: "What traveling preachers are ordained elders?"

Answer: Ordained at Memorial Church, after evening service, November 15th, 1896—Edward T. Dadmun, Robert Fletcher Beadles, Richard G. James, Joseph N. Latham, Robert E. Bentley, John R. Gill, W. Asbury Christian, Adrian S. Carson, James K. Jolliff, George F. Greene, Walter J. Williams, Charles H. Williams, Joseph A. Thomas, Samuel W. Day, and Benjamin M. Beckham.

W. W. Vicar, on behalf of the Preacher's Relief Society, reported a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year. (See Reports.)

Directors of the Society for the ensuing year were nominated and elected by the Conference in accordance with the constitution of the Society. (See Boards and Committees.)

T. H. Campbell laid before the Conference the report of the Treasurer of the Rosebud Missionary Society, for the information of the Conference. (See Reports.)

And on motion of S. S. Lambeth and T. H. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we are highly gratified at the success of the Rosebud Missionary Societies of the Virginia Conference, and heartily commend the work to the love of all our pastors.

W. J. Young, from the committee concerning examinations on the course of study, made report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred, at the last session of our Conference, certain resolutions, recorded on pages 24 and 31 of the Conference Annual for 1895, concerning methods of examining and grading candidates for admission on trial and undergraduates, would recommend that hereafter all such examinations be written instead of oral, and that the required grade be fixed at 70.

W. J. YOUNG, Chairman.

George H. Ray, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made report, which was read and, on motion, made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

On motion of B. F. Lipscomb—

Resolved, That when the Conference adjourns this morning, it shall adjourn to meet again at half past seven o'clock P. M., and that the order of the day for that hour be the report of the Committee on Memoirs; and that the proceedings shall consist of religious worship and the reading of the memoirs only.

And then the Conference adjourned.

HALF-PAST SEVEN P. M., November 16, 1896.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by W. V. Tudor.

The order of the day for this hour was taken up, and Minute Question 19, "What preachers have died during the present year?" was called, and the Committee on Memoirs reported the names of William H. Christian, Esmond A. Gibbs, John A. Smith and Adam C. Bledsoe.

The memoirs of these brethren were then read in the following order: that of Wm. H. Christian by Wm. E. Judkins; that of Esmond A. Gibbs by John J. Lafferty; that of John A. Smith by Paul Whitehead; and that of Adam C. Bledsoe by John J. Lafferty. Solemn and tender singing was interspersed between the memoirs.

The report was, on motion, adopted, and it was ordered that the memoirs be forwarded to the Book Editor for insertion in the General Minutes of our Church. (See Memoirs).

And then the Conference adjourned.

Sixth Day.

TUESDAY, November 17th, 1896.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by F. M. Edwards.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the Board of Missions were permitted to meet during the session of this morning.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and E. H. Rowe passed in examination of character.

Alex. G. Brown and Geo. C. Vanderslice, trustees of the "Hall Fund," made report as follows, which was adopted, and it was ordered that the funds in hand be paid to the Joint Board of Finance:

The trustees of the Hall Fund beg leave to report that they have in hand \$146.00 for distribution to the claimants on the Conference Fund, and they ask for the authority of Conference to pay over the same to the Joint Board of Finance.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was called, and John E. White, a local preacher of York circuit; Francis B. McSparran, a local preacher of Union Station, Richmond; John C. Granbery, Jr., a local preacher of Ashland station; Jesse B. Lavinder, a local preacher of West Franklin circuit; James E. Oyler, a local preacher of Meadows of Dan mission; Robert Coleman Garland, a local preacher of Lunenburg circuit; Samuel J. Battin, a local preacher of Monumental, Portsmouth; and Ernest L. Peerman, a local preacher of Pungoteague circuit, were severally recommended by the District Conferences of the districts in which they have held membership, as suitable persons to be received on trial into the traveling connection, and were reported as having passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops, and were accordingly admitted on trial; and the Conference, on motion, requested the presiding Bishop to appoint F. B. McSparran as a student at Randolph-Macon College, and Samuel J. Battin as a student at Vanderbilt University.

The order of the day was taken up, and the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was again considered—John J. Lafferty, editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, addressing the Conference, after which the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, laid before the Conference a review of the statistics of our Conference for the decade 1885-1895 (See Reports), and, on motion, Conference tendered its thanks to Dr. Brown, chairman of the Joint Board of Finance, for the preparation of this paper. The cheques for the amounts paid by the Board at the present session to the several claimants were then distributed.

E. M. Peterson, from the Sunday-school Board, made report, which was considered, amended by consent, and adopted. (See Reports.)

A. Coke Smith, from the Board of Education, made report No. 2, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

James L. Spencer, from the Committee on Temperance, made report, which was adopted (See Reports), and the following were appointed as representatives from this Conference to the American Anti-Saloon League: F. M. Edwards, and J. L. Spencer, with R. Ferguson and W. J. Young as alternates.

J. W. Bledsoe, of the Church Extension Board of this Conference, made report, which was considered. J. H. Amiss moved to recommit with instructions to make an appropriation for Owens-Memorial Church in Portsmouth, Va.; but this motion was lost, and the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

R. M. Maxey, A. Coke Smith and J. C. Reed offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, We think that a Preachers' Institute, in which lectures and addresses on lines pertaining to ministerial work should be delivered, would be helpful to our preachers and profitable to our people; therefore,

Resolved, That the Chair be and is hereby requested to appoint a committee of three to inquire into the feasibility of organizing a Preachers' Institute for the Virginia Conference, and make report to this body.

The resolution was adopted, and the Chair appointed the following to compose said committee; A. Coke Smith, R. N. Sledd and J. C. Reed.

Richard Irby, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made report, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

A. Coke Smith, from the Committee on Public Worship, reported the following appointments: To preach the opening sermon at the next Conference, W. C. Vaden; R. M. Maxey, alternate. To preach the sermon at the ordination of elders, W. H. Edwards; R. F. Gayle, alternate.

W. T. Williams, from the Board of Colportage, made report, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

R. N. Sledd, from the Board of Missions, nominated the following to supply vacancies in the Board: clerical member from the West Richmond district, W. V. Tudor; clerical member from the Lynchburg district, J. C. Reed; which nominations were confirmed by the Conference.

R. N. Sledd, from the Conference Board of Missions, made final report, which was read by L. B. Betty, Secretary, and adopted. (See Reports.)

Minute Question 40, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was called, and after prolonged discussion of the subject, pending its consideration, the Conference, on motion, adjourned.

Seventh Day.

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 1896.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Herbert T. Bacon.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minute Question 40 was again taken up, and, after much discussion, Danville, Va., was selected as the place; and, on motion of A. G. Brown, it was ordered that a committee of one from each district be appointed to consider our plan of entertainment of the Conference, and report to the next session of this body.

The following question of law, propounded to the presiding Bishop, with his answer thereto, were reported for insertion in the Conference Journal:

Question: Can a school or college be commended by an Annual Conference without first being recommended by the Conference Board of Education?

(Signed)

B. F. LIPSCOMB,

A. COKE SMITH.

Answer: This question of law, growing out of a supposed case, and not arising in the actual administration of discipline and in the order of business, the chair declines to answer this question.

(Signed)

W. W. DUNCAN.

The statistics of Conference were reported in answer to Minute Questions. (See General Minutes).

On motion of W. W. Royall and Joseph H. Amiss, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this body are hereby tendered—

1. To the citizens of Lynchburg for their delightful and abundant hospitality so gracefully and freely exercised towards us.
2. To the various churches that have invited us to their pulpits.
3. To the railway companies for reduced rates granted.
4. To the press of the city for its full and readable reports of our proceedings.
5. To our efficient Secretaries for their thorough discharge of their onerous duties.

E. H. Rawlings, from the Committee on Epworth Leagues, made report, which was adopted. (See Reports).

On motion, B. F. Lipscomb was requested to publish the usual number of copies of the Minutes and on the usual plan.

On motion, the name of W. A. Laughon was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation. The Committee was permitted to retire for deliberation, and reported in favor of the application; and their report was adopted, and it was ordered that the name of W. A. Laughon be returned in the answer to Minute Question 18.

L. B. Betty, Secretary of the Board of Missions, read the appropriations for the ensuing year. (See Report of Board of Missions).

On motion, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That the first official visit of Bishop W. W. Duncan to his old Conference has given us the greatest pleasure, and that we highly appreciate the uniform courtesy and kindness characterizing his presidency, and that we will always welcome him heartily amongst us.

(Signed)

J. H. AMISS,
W. G. BATES,

W. W. ROYALL,
E. M. PETERSON.

The Chair announced the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year. (See Boards and Committees).

Minute Question 3, Who are discontinued? Minute Question 5, Who are re-admitted? Minute Question 14, What local preachers are elected elders? Minute Question 15, What local preachers are ordained elders? Minute Question 16, Who are located this year? were called and answered in the negative.

The name of R. F. Gayle was nominated and appointed to take the place of J. S. Hunter on the Committee of Examination of the Class of the Fourth Year.

The Chair announced the following to compose the committee under the resolution of Dr. Brown, adopted this morning, concerning the Conference Plan of Entertainment: A. G. Brown, Paul Whitehead, J. W. C. Davis, J. W. Bledsoe, J. P. Pettyjohn, R. N. Sledd, R. S. Paulett, L. L. Marks, Geo. L. Neville, W. W. Vicar, and James Cannon, Sr.

The minutes of the session of this morning were then read and approved.

Minute Question 41, Where are the preachers stationed this year? was called, and the presiding Bishop, in answer thereto, after singing and prayer led by W. F. Bain, announced the appointments.

And then the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

IV.

THE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1896-'97.

Names of Undergraduates in italics.

Numerals stand for years on the charge.

Richmond District.

A. G. BROWN, P. E., 3

RICHMOND:

Broad Street.....W. G. Starr, 2
Trinity and Chickahominy Mission,
J. T. Mastin, 2
Union Station.....G. C. Vanderslice, 3
St. James.....W. B. Beauchamp, 2
Denny Street.....S. C. Hatcher, 1
Fairmont Avenue.....R. F. Beadles, 2

MANCHESTER:

Central.....W. W. Lear, 3
Fifth Street.....J. O. Babcock, 2
West End Memorial and Asbury,
W. T. Williams, 1
Henrico.....H. J. Brown, 1
Charles City.....C. T. Gibbs, 1
New Kent.....L. L. Banks, 3
West New Kent.....A. S. J. Rice, 1
West Point.....W. E. Bullard, 1
East King and Queen.....T. O. Edwards, 3
Gloucester.....J. E. Potts, 3; E. J. Potts, 3
Gloucester Point.....James O. Moss, 2
Williamsburg.....J. N. Latham, 1
York.....C. E. Hobday, 3
Newport News.....G. W. Wray, 2
General Superintendent of Colportage—A. G.
Brown.
Professor in Emory and Henry College—
James H. Moss.
Student at Randolph-Macon College—F. B.
McSparran.

West Richmond District.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, P. E., 3

RICHMOND:

Centenary.....W. V. Tudor, 2; E. L. Pell, 2
Clay Street.....E. H. Rawlings, 1
Park Place.....T. N. Potts, 2
Laurel Street.....T. J. Taylor, 4
Asbury.....B. M. Beckham, 1
Highland Park.....C. H. Boggs, 1
Barton Heights.....W. F. Davis, 1
Hanover.....G. H. McFaden, 2
King William.....Porter Hardy, 1
Ashland.....W. E. Judkins, 2
Ashland Circuit.....To be supplied.

West Hanover.....S. W. Day, 2
Caroline.....F. W. Proctor, 2
Goochland.....J. W. Heckman, 1
West Goochland and East Louisa Mission,
J. E. McSparran, 3; One to be supplied
by W. D. Mower, 1.
Cartersville.....J. S. Peters, 1
Chesterfield.....R. B. Scott, 4
West Chesterfield.....W. H. Riddick, 1
South Chesterfield.....J. R. Gill, 3
Powhatan.....To be supplied.

Rappahannock District.

C. E. WATTS, P. E., 3

Whitestone.....J. W. S. Robins, 3
Lancaster.....B. E. Ledbetter, 2
Heathsville.....C. R. James, 3
Bethany.....J. M. Burton, 1
Richmond Circuit.....M. S. Colonna, Jr., 2
Wheaton.....L. T. Williams, 1
Westmoreland.....J. D. Forkner, 1
Montross.....E. F. Hall, 2
King George.....W. G. Bates, 4
Spotsylvania.....C. H. Williams, 2
Bowling Green.....W. F. Hayes, 1
Essex.....W. B. Jett, 1
King and Queen.....R. E. Bentley, 1
Middlesex.....M. S. Watts, 2
West Mathews.....J. L. Pribble, 1
Mathews.....J. E. DeShazo, 1
Principal Southern Seminary and Conserva-
tory of Music, Bowling Green, Va.—E. H.
Rowe.

Charlottesville District.

J. S. HUNTER, P. E., 2

Charlottesville.....J. W. Bledsoe, 2
Albemarle.....D. G. C. Butts, 2; J. B. Lavinder, 1
Scottsville.....John H. Kabler, 2
Batesville, J. W. Carroll, 1; One to be supplied.
Nelson.....R. B. Blankenship, 3
Rockfish.....W. L. Ware, 1
Amherst.....A. C. Berryman, 2
West Amherst.....M. A. Davidson, 2
Mt. Pleasant.....A. C. Jordan, 2
Milton Mission.....B. F. Smith, 3
Fluvanna.....N. J. Pruden, 2

Louisa.....C. L. Bane, 3
 Gordonsville.....Paul Bradley, 3
 Orange.....*Geo. E. Booker, Jr.*, 1;
 W. H. Camper, Sup'y.
 Greene.....J. Q. Rhodes, 2
 Madison...C. F. Comer, 4; One to be supplied.
 Woodville.....R. G. James, 2
 Culpeper.....H. P. Mitchell, 4
 Culpeper Circuit.....W. J. Williams, 4
 Rappahannock.....W. A. S. Conrad, 2
 Editor of RICHMOND CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
 —J. J. Lafferty.
 President of Central Female Institute Gor-
 donsville, Va.—J. T. Payne.

Lynchburg District.

O. LITTLETON, P. E., 3

LYNCHBURG:

Centenary.....W. Asbury Christian, 1
 Court Street.....A. Coke Smith, 2;
 T. H. Early, Sup'y.
 Memorial.....J. C. Reed, 3
 Trinity.....L. C. Shearer, 1
 South View and Providence..P. H. Clements, 2
 Cabell Street.....Ernest Stevens, 4
 Madison Station.....L. J. Phaup, 1
 Bedford City.....S. S. Lambeth, 1
 Bedford Circuit.....Joseph W. Shackford, 1
 North Bedford.....C. W. Leftwich, 1
 Bedford Springs.....R. W. Watts, 4
 Middle Bedford.....T. E. Johnson, 2
 West Bedford.....P. M. Bell, 2
 Staunton River.....J. E. Oyler, 1
 West Campbell.....George H. Wiley, 2
 Campbell.....Richard Ferguson, 2
 Concord.....J. W. Parrish, 3
 Appomattox.....S. H. Johnson, 2
 West Charlotte.....Asa Driscoll, 1
 Treasurer of R.-M. Woman's College, Lynch-
 burg, Va.—R. M. Saunders.

Danville District.

W. P. WRIGHT, P. E., 1

DANVILLE:

Main Street and Floyd Street, R. N. Sledd, 2
 One to be supplied.
 Cabell Street and Sunnyside,
 E. T. Dadmun, 1; G. W. Dyer, 3
 Mt. Vernon.....B. F. Lipscomb, 4
 Calvary and Riverside.....W. T. Green, 2
 One to be supplied by H. W. Dunkly, 2
 Pittsylvania.....S. R. Drewry, 2
 Chatham.....J. B. Winn, 3
 Cascade.....R. T. Clarke, 4
 North Pittsylvania.....T. P. Duke, 1
 South Staunton.....To be supplied.
 Franklin.....T. G. Pullen, 2
 East Franklin.....O. L. Martin, 1
 Middle Franklin Mission.....R. C. Garland, 1
 West Franklin.....C. E. Blankenship, 2

Henry.....R. L. Wingfield, 2
 Martinsville.....W. H. Gregory, 1
 Patrick.....H. F. B. Martin, 2
 Meadows of Dan,

To be supplied by J. T. Meadow, 1
 South Boston and Houston...F. M. Edwards, 2
 Halifax.....M. S. Elliott, 1
 East Halifax.....W. T. A. Haynes, 4
 Professor in Vanderbilt University, Nash-
 ville, Tenn.—W. F. Tillett.

Farmville District.

J. H. RIDDICK, P. E., 2

Farmville.....T. McN. Simpson, 2
 Prince Edward.....J. B. Askew, 1
 Prospect.....Bascom Dey, 1
 Charlotte.....A. B. Sharpe, 2
 West Buckingham.....W. A. Tompkins, 1
 Buckingham.....W. E. Grant, 1
 Cumberland.....W. W. Sawyer, 1
 Amelia.....E. V. Carson, 2
 W. W. Southall, Sup'y.

Burkeville.....J. L. Spencer, 2
 Crewe Station.....J. T. Routten, 1
 Blackstone.....J. M. Anderson, 2
 Lunenburg.....John O. Moss, 1
 West Lunenburg.....A. L. Franklin, 2
 Mecklenburg.....B. S. Herrink, 1
 North Mecklenburg.....D. J. Traynham, 3
 Boydton.....W. E. Thompson, 2
 Chase City.....W. W. Royall, 1
 Clarksville.....E. P. Parham, 1
 South of Dan.....A. L. Carson, 1
 Hyco.....R. H. Mullen, 1
 President of Blackstone Female Institute—
 James Cannon, Jr.

Petersburg District.

T. H. CAMPBELL, P. E., 2

PETERSBURG:

Washington Street.....W. E. Edwards, 2
 Herbert M. Hope, 1
 Market Street.....R. T. Wilson, 2
 High Street.....E. M. Peterson, 1
 Wesley.....J. W. Stiff, 1
 Blandford.....R. E. Barrett, 2
 West Street..To be supplied by John Sewell, 2
 Ettrick.....McDaniel Rucker, 2
 Matoaca.....D. W. Reed, 1
 Dinwiddie.....C. W. Turner, 1
 East Dinwiddie.....C. H. Green, 1
 West Dinwiddie.....W. P. Jordan, 1
 Nottoway.....C. W. Cain, 2
 Prince George.....J. B. DeBerry, 4
 Wakefield.....J. T. Moore, 4
 Sussex.....J. E. R. Riddick, 1
 Greenville.....R. H. Younger, 2
 South Brunswick.....W. R. Smithey, 2
 Brunswick.....R. M. Maxey, 3
 West Bruuswick.....John W. Nicholson, 4
 Surry.....W. C. Pace, 1

Portsmouth District.

JOS. H. AMISS, P. E., 3

PORTSMOUTH:

Monumental.....	L. B. Betty, 2
Central.....	George H. Ray, 1
Wright Memorial.....	J. T. Bosman, 4
Owens Memorial.....	R. T. Waterfield, 1
Park View.....	W. R. Proctor, 2
Norfolk Circuit.....	R. B. Beadles, 1
Churchland and West Norfolk,	
	R. A. Compton, 1
Suffolk.....	H. C. Cheatham, 3
East Suffolk and Magnolia.....	D. B. Austin, 3
Windsor.....	J. A. Thomas, 1
Ebenezer.....	G. F. Greene, 2
Isle of Wight.....	C. H. McGhee, 2
Smithfield.....	V. W. Bargamin, 1
Benn's.....	R. S. Baughan, 2
Newsom's.....	N. B. Foushee, 1
Southampton.....	C. C. Wertenbaker, 3
Boykin's.....	M. S. Colonna, 3
Whaleyville and Somerton.....	F. G. Davis, 1
Hampton.....	J. T. Whitley, 1
West End.....	G. H. Lambeth, 2
Student at Vanderbilt University—	S. J. Battin.

Norfolk District.

J. P. GARLAND, P. E., 3

NORFOLK:

Cumberland Street.....	W. H. Atwill, 2
Epworth.....	W. J. Young, 2
Centenary.....	W. H. Edwards, 1
Queen Street.....	J. W. Moore, 2
McKendree.....	R. H. Bennett, 2
Lekies Memorial.....	H. E. Johnson, 1
Trinity.....	E. A. Potts, 1
Huntersville.....	To be supplied.

BERKLEY:

Chestnut Street.....	R. M. Chandler, 2
Liberty Street.....	J. G. Lennon, 1
South Norfolk.....	C. D. Crawley, 3
	J. A. Proctor, Sup'y.
East Norfolk.....	J. D. Hank, 3
Oaklette and Gilmerton.....	J. W. Baker, 1
Lambert's Point.....	W. G. Boggs, 4
Haygood and Lynnhaven.....	A. A. Jones, 1
Princess Anne.....	Geo. H. Spooner, 1
South Princess Anne.....	J. S. Wallace, 1
Fox Hill.....	W. E. Allen, 1
Chaplain to Seamen's Bethel—	Joseph B. Merritt.

Eastern Shore District.

W. C. VADEN, P. E., 1

Cape Charles City Station.....	J. K. Joliff, 1
Franktown.....	N. H. Robertson, 2
Capeville.....	J. E. White, 1
Belle Haven.....	J. L. Bray, 2
Keller and Wachapreague.....	E. E. Harrell, 2
	G. E. B. Smith, 2
Pungoteague.....	J. R. Griffith, 4; G. W. Jones, 1
Onancock.....	R. F. Gayle, 1
Accomac Courthouse.....	E. L. Peerman, 1
Onley and Locustville.....	L. T. Hitt, 2
Accomac.....	E. F. Garner, 2
Guilford.....	Joseph R. Sturgis, 2
Atlantic.....	J. Carson Watson, 3
Sykes' Island.....	M. L. Williams, 3
Wicomico.....	C. H. Galloway, 2
Berlin.....	John C. Granbery, Jr., 1
Salisbury.....	R. H. Potts, 1
Cambridge Station.....	George E. Booker, Sr., 1
Cambridge Circuit.....	A. A. Whitmore, 4
Dorchester.....	T. J. Wray, 1
Hooper's Island.....	J. D. Hosler, 2

V.

MEMOIRS.**REV. WILLIAM HENRY CHRISTIAN, A. M., D. D.**

BY W. E. JUDKINS.

REV. WILLIAM H. CHRISTIAN was the son of Edmund and Mary Christian, and was born in New Kent county, Virginia, June 8, 1825, and died in Richmond, Virginia, on the 12th of February, 1896.

His educational advantages were superior, and he availed himself of them. After preparing for college, he first went to Dickenson College, where he spent two years, and from there to Randolph-Macon College, where, at the end of two more years, he graduated with the degree of A. B. He subsequently attended the University of Virginia one session, and graduated there in some of its schools. In due course of time, Randolph-Macon College conferred upon him the degree of A. M., and afterwards that of D. D. For many years he served this institution as trustee, and his zeal and wisdom made him a valued and useful member of that Board.

In the sixteenth year of his age he was happily converted to God at a camp-meeting in Charles City county. This event proved the turning point in his earthly history. Though from early youth he had been under the impression that he would have to preach, the question, of course, could not be settled until he gave his heart to God. After this, his call to the ministry became clear and decided, and he proceeded to qualify himself for the work of that holy office.

After his graduation, he taught school for a year at an academy near Wilmington, N. C., and then, in November, 1852, he joined the Virginia Conference at its session held in Fredericksburg, Va. His first appointment was to the church in Fredericksburg, where the Conference was held, and where he served for two years. From this charge, and because of impaired health, resulting from a severe attack of the measles, he entered the educational work of the church for awhile, and was appointed Professor in the Warrenton Female College. From this position, he was elected to the Presidency of the Raleigh Female College—then a most flourishing institution—and remained there till 1857, when he accepted the Presidency of the Petersburg Female College.

Regaining his health, he surrendered the educational work, and, in 1858, re-entered the work of the active ministry, and was appointed Presiding Elder of the Nottoway District. He served this district three years. After this, his fields of labor were as follows: Union Station, Richmond, two years; Clay Street, Richmond, two years. The war between the States

having now closed, his next appointments were: Danville District, as Presiding Elder, three years; Dinwiddie Street Church, Portsmouth, Va., (now Monumental), two years; Manchester, two years; Centenary, Lynchburg, four years; Cumberland Street, Norfolk, three years; Murfreesboro District, as Presiding Elder, four years; thence back again to his old charge in Manchester, four years; then Centenary, Norfolk, one year; Hampton, four years; Martinsville, two years; and Bedford City, one year.

An analysis of these appointments shows he served the church in her educational work five years, and in the active ministry, as pastor and Presiding Elder, thirty-eight years, making a total of forty-three years. Of his work in the active ministry, twenty eight years were spent in the pastoral charge of stations, and ten years in the office of the Presiding Eldership.

And now that he has ceased from his labors and fallen on sleep, and we are gathered here to pay this farewell tribute to his memory, the question arises, *How* did he perform the work assigned him? We answer, with great fidelity and success. He truly "served his generation by the will of God." It has been said of him that, during his ministry, "In every pastoral charge he served, God graciously revived His work and strengthened His cause."

In memory, he comes before us to-day: in *person*, tall, handsome, manly-looking, with ruddy face and genial greeting. In intellect, cultivated, chaste. In social life, ever courteous, refined, gentlemanly. As a Christian minister, dignified, affable, and as one sensible of his high commission, and so, daily on the altar of consecration to his God and the highest welfare of his fellowmen. Few excelled him in fidelity as a pastor. His practical wisdom was above the average. He was a man of affairs, and knew how to bring things to pass. Punctual, exact, methodical, conscientious—affairs under his hand took shape, order, and moved forward to successful issues.

As a preacher, he was chaste in style, fervent and earnest in delivery, preaching the great themes of the Gospel with such simplicity, and often with such moving power, that it will take the records of eternity to tell how many hundreds of souls he led to Christ, how many weary souls he comforted and strengthened, and what a potential factor he was in his day and generation in building up the church, and so extending the kingdom of God.

His ten years of service as Presiding Elder bespeak for him an administration of ability in harmony with his work as a pastor, and his success in both relations attest his worthiness and faithfulness.

While in charge of Bedford City station last year, he rounded out his seventieth year, and lived to complete his forty-third year in the work of the Conference. During this year, his health began to fail, and at its close was so feeble that he was placed by his brethren upon its honored roll of superannuated ministers. How the necessity for this may have saddened him we know not, but he quietly accepted his lot, and settled in Richmond, Va., in the hope and with the desire of doing some more work for the Master. His end, however, was near; much nearer than many supposed.

On the 12th of February, 1896, he was taken suddenly ill, and in an hour or two passed away to his eternal reward.

He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Susie D. Branch, daughter

of Thos. Branch, Esq., then of Petersburg, Va., and by whom he had two sons and one daughter, the latter and one son still living. His last wife was Miss Mary E. Bragg, of Richmond, and daughter of William N. Bragg. She survives him.

His long term of service and wide field of labor gave him access to thousands into whose hearts he entered, and where he will be gratefully enshrined. A large number of them attended his funeral at Park Place church, Richmond, among whom were many of his ministerial brethren, and his body was laid to rest in Hollywood cemetery.

He will answer our roll-call here no more, but we feel assured his name is on Heaven's high roll of honor, and up there we, his brethren, hope to greet him again.

REV. ESMOND ANSON GIBBS.

BY JOHN J. LAFFERTY.

The Conference lost on March 25th, 1896, of heart disease, the Rev. E. A. GIBBS, a member of this body, with a long, honorable and useful career. The day before his death he preached in the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, in the village of Charlotte Courthouse, Va. He died at Bon Air, his home, near that shiretown.

He was a native of Bedford county, Va. He lived, lacking two days, seventy-three years. His birth was March 23, 1823. His parents were James and Mary Gibbs. His mother was the daughter of George Lewis, of pure Quaker descent and a leading member of the Society of Friends. He is buried in the old Quaker church, in Bedford county. The maternal ancestor of Brother Gibbs was a lovely Christian character. She influenced his life for good. He says: "I learned to pray, trust, fear and believe, when but a child. I was unwilling to offend by saying a word of profanity. I do not remember ever taking the name of the Lord in vain."

He joined the church in 1842, under the ministry of the venerable W. W. Albea, of the North Carolina Conference, at Henry Courthouse, Va. Mrs. J. M. Smith, of that place, a devout and kind person, aided him towards a godly life. In September, 1845, he was licensed to preach by the Rev. J. Jamieson, P. E., Danville District. Early in the spring of 1846, he began work on Campbell Circuit, as Junior to Rev. B. H. Johnson. In November, 1846, he came into the Conference on trial, and had the same position on the same Circuit, the stewards "asking for him." There were two years of revivals, but the studies of Brother Gibbs were not neglected. In 1847, he was Junior on Princess Anne—a happy and successful year; in 1848 to Warrenton with Rev. R. T. Nixon as Senior. The work of the Lord prospered. Among the many converts was J. H. Amiss, who has ever since served the Church faithfully and well. In 1849, Rappahannock was his field—much ingathering—Rev. J. B. Laurens, the late "Uncle Larry," among the converts. Appomattox, 1851-2; Northampton, 1853-4; Scottsville, 1855. At the next Conference he went to Springfield, 1856-7; Charlotte, 1858-9. The second year was the notable revival year on that Circuit. He served Mathews, then Franklin Circuit, then South Bedford. In 1864, was

army chaplain at his own expense. In 1865, named preacher to the freedmen, but was shut in by the race prejudice of the new negro; 1866-7, South Bedford. His affairs requiring attention he took a vacation for a year as a local preacher, for that purpose. In 1868, he rejoined the Conference, serving Appomattox, 1869-70; Westmoreland, 1871-72, great revivals—between two and three hundred on that Circuit; 1873, Winston, N. C. He was chosen Treasurer of the Wesleyan Female College, with an appointment on Meherrin. He then served Charlotte two years. In 1877-'78, West Charlotte. He conducted the Bon Air Female Institute at Charlotte Courthouse, till 1887, then to Berlin, Md. He continued to preach in Charlotte county with a nominal appointment.

These statistics seem tedious to an audience, but the figures do not disclose the hundreds and hundreds, going up into more than a thousand, if not two thousand, people of the most substantial kind, who were brought to a better life by this successful man of God. Had he kept a journal it would have presented a page of rare interest and vivid scenes.

He was endowed with an orderly mind, exact in details and successful in achievements. He conducted every scheme he engaged in with discretion and without a flaw. He was quiet, neat, somewhat reserved before strangers, but there was tireless energy and a singular gift for managing affairs. Whatever he undertook prospered. He commanded success. Protracted meetings culminated in great increase. Churches were builded. His Institute was of great utility to the community. He lived several years in Charlotte county. He was universally respected. In good truth, he was held in such high regard that the Circuit Court adjourned to give the officers opportunity to honor his memory at his burial.

The Masons bore him to his tomb. The Rev. A. B. Sharpe conducted the services, assisted by the Presbyterian and Baptist ministers.

His name is a household word in that region. The people valued him as a benefactor. He was a friend, pastor, counsellor. He had unusually sound judgment. Many consulted him. The people loved him. He deserved their friendship and respect. His life was pure. He desired to do good.

He had longings to live in the ministerial service fifty years. It was so ordered of the Lord. He began in 1845. He entered into rest in 1896.

He was twice married. First to Miss Stephens, secondly to Mrs. Ada Brown. He leaves two children, Dr. Charles Gibbs and Miss Mollie Gibbs.

REV. JOHN ARCHER SMITH.

BY PAUL WHITEHEAD.

REV. JOHN ARCHER SMITH was born in the city of Richmond, Va., January 13, 1862, and died in the same city May 4, 1896.

He was the son of Mr. Savage Smith, a member of the Baptist Church, and his grandfather, Rev. A. B. Smith, was a well-known minister of that denomination. His mother, whose maiden name was Ella S. Meredith, has long been an active and valuable member of our church at Union Station,

Richmond. John was brought up piously, and at the early age of thirteen was converted, and at sixteen joined his father's church, being immersed by Rev. J. R. Garlick. He soon began to feel Divine impressions of a call to the ministry. These so increased that he made them known to his brethren, by whom he was put in course of training and education at Richmond College, where he continued for two sessions. But being led by the turn of his own mind to review and examine for himself the peculiarities of Baptist doctrine, he became convinced that immersion as the only mode of baptism, final perseverance of the saints, and close communion were all unscriptural. For communing with others than Baptists he was disciplined and suspended; whereupon he renounced the Baptist Church and entered the Methodist, thus siding at length with his mother and sister.

In time he proceeded to Randolph-Macon College to complete his preparation for the ministry, and was able to spend two sessions there. To his honor be it said that he was not content until he had paid his Baptist brethren for the tuition at college he had received free as a ministerial student; an example of the straightforward, high-toned character which he maintained through life. He had learned the trade of an iron-moulder and workman in stove manufacture, and devoted himself faithfully to his calling in Virginia and the North to procure the means of self-support, and to defray the expenses of board at College while studying for the ministry.

In 1890, in Lynchburg, he entered the itinerancy in the Virginia Conference, from the ranks of which he passed to the higher sphere to which our Lord saw fit to call him. He received only two appointments, namely, Caroline and Goochland circuits. He served the former three years, and had been appointed for the third year to the latter. He had, however, been hindered to a considerable extent during his second year there by declining health. Indeed, his zeal had already, by the session of 1895, overstrained his strength, and every effort made was attended by suffering and exerted despite of failing flesh and strength. He was re-appointed, but was able to do comparatively little labor during the present Conference year. He was very acceptable and much beloved in both these charges. Entire simplicity and transparent sincerity of character, fervor and devoutness in religion, faithfulness and point in preaching, diligent attention to the pastoral care of his people and to all branches of ministerial duty, performed with a sympathetic and affectionate spirit, endeared him to all who knew him. He was a studious and earnest preacher, sound in doctrine, spiritual in taste, catholic in temper and mind, pure in life, lofty in aim, aflame with desire for the salvation of his fellowmen; and there were many seals to his ministry. The Holy Spirit attested his call by adding His demonstration to His servant's word.

We have never had among us a young man of a more genuine unaffected piety or of a more consecrated purpose of life in God's service, and his promise of large usefulness was marked. It pleased God, however, to cut short his career.

Finding his health wrecked, after futile struggles to keep up, he came to Richmond for medical treatment. He lingered about two months, at the home of his parents, and after patient endurance of suffering departed in peace and good hope through grace of everlasting life. During this period of

languishing, his brethren of the two circuits he had served, and many others of our ministry and laity, ministered to his needs; for all of which he was deeply grateful, manifesting the keenest appreciation of all kind attentions. His funeral was conducted at Union Station, by Dr. Vanderslice and other brethren, and his body was committed to the grave among kindred dust.

He was married in 1893 to Miss Addie J. Cullingworth, of Richmond, with whom he lived in tenderest affection, whose faithful ministrations solaced his days of ill health and his dying hours, and who, surviving him, mourns with his aged parents and other relatives a loss to human eyes irreparable. But neither we nor they "sorrow" as "those who have no hope;" for we believe that when our Lord shall "come the second time without sin unto salvation," He will "bring with Him" our dear brother, loved and now lamented, but then raised and glorified.

REV. ADAM CLARKE BLEDSOE, D. D.

BY JOHN J. LAFFERTY.

The REV. ADAM CLARKE BLEDSOE, D. D., was summoned for service in unseen realms by a quick message, on Friday, the 4th day of September, 1896, near one in the afternoon. His church was in Charlottesville, but it was given him to take leave of earth from under his own roof-tree, at Amherst Courthouse, Va. A heart malady ended his terrene career suddenly. His pulse ceased in the twinkling of an eye. He never uttered a word. There was no illness of moment, merely a slight disturbance of his health for a day or so anterior to the collapse.

He was so robust, seeming in physical defiance and disregard of death, that the tidings of his end shocked his friends. It is a curious chapter that our stoutest comrades, Payne, Blincoe, Eason, Martin, Robins, Bledsoe, have succumbed. The athlete appears to invite the shaft of the Skeleton Archer.

Dr. Bledsoe was born in the county of Buckingham, Virginia, February 12th, 1839. His parents were John and Nancy Bledsoe. The father, many years a steward and Sabbath-school superintendent, built a handsome brick church on the Scottsville Circuit, chiefly at his own charges. It bore his name, "Bledsoe's Chapel," in honor of his interest in its erection, and to keep in remembrance his worthy career. His mother was the daughter of a Methodist preacher, and the sister of the Rev. Joseph Goodman, a member of the North Carolina Conference. The parents were Methodists of the old pioneer type, devout, zealous, consistent. The fervent piety of the mother influenced the career of the son at home, at college, and in the ministry.

During a notable revival at Emory and Henry College in 1859, he was with seventy-five other students, converted. He became the class leader of the young Christians during his entire college career. He graduated in 1860, bearing off some of the chief honors of the institutions. His Alma Mater conferred the Doctorate on him.

He heeded the call of the Spirit in October, 1860, to the ministry by ask-

ing and receiving permit to preach. After a year he resolved to make the pulpit his life work. He connected himself with our Conference and assisted Rev. J. L. Clarke, as Junior, on Albemarle Circuit two months, when he was transferred to Harrisonburg, where he served two years. In November, 1863, he became a chaplain in the Confederate Army and assigned to the Fifteenth Virginia Cavalry, which position he held till the Civil War closed.

The war ended in the spring. The Conference would sit in the autumn. In the meantime he established a classical school at Scottsville, Va., using the Sabbaths and vacations for preaching. He assisted in a wide work of grace during the two years he conducted this school and proclaimed the glad tidings at his own expense. As soon as the work needed more men than the Bishop could find waiting at his elbow, Bledsoe let go the profitable employment of a successful teacher and took a circuit. He labored on Louisa and Pungoteague Circuits, Central Church, Portsmouth, Va., Trinity, Richmond, Va., Court-Street, Lynchburg, Va., Granby-Street, Norfolk, Va., Broad-Street, Richmond, North Danville, Elder on Charlottesville District, Washington-Street, Petersburg, Va., Cumberland-Street, Norfolk, Charlottesville. During these pastorates crowds heard him gladly, and more than a thousand were converted. At Trinity, Richmond, three hundred were brought to Jesus.

He had a rare endowment for his "loved employ." Nature had been generous to him. It is a question whether we have so superb a person for the platform. Though his stature was of unusual size, stout and tall, yet he was artlessly graceful. The motion of his mind was reported to the audience by tone and gesture in perfect concord. He filled the eye and satisfied expectation by his stately pose, while his benignant features won all hearts. The companion of Paul at Lystra, who sold the acres, dear to him as life, which held the ashes of ancestors, to get money to feed the needy of God's new people, had no doubt a lordly presence and kindly feature, for they called him Jupiter. Bledsoe was our Barnabas.

We have lost our sweetest singer. The tuneful tongue is mute. Whose lips can cheer like those silent, once melodious chords? The victorious verse became a Methodist Marsellaise. His voice had richness and compass. In its pleading notes of "Just as I Am," it seemed like the low, far away chant of an army on its knees. Bledsoe was superior in reach and tenderness to Sankey. Who has forgotten the solos he sang in the crisis of revivals? Or their power?

He did not write sermons to read or say by memory. He studied subjects. The choicest words came at summons. He was fluent, persuasive, oratorical. In Nature's great temple, under the oak, he was our foremost preacher. The people packed in the leafy aisles sprung his latent forces. Ten thousand could hear that sonorous voice, like an incoming tide filling every nook; or as standing grain before a strong wind, the thick ranks of hearers bent before the advance and momentum of his resistless speech.

He gave the Church much—his genius, his life. The career of an evangelist was peculiarly fitted to his powers. He was a Moody; many times more. As a platform preacher before the multitude, who could have been named with him? Practice would have made him a wonder of the land.

National fame, if not continental renown, awaited his exertions. As the pecuniary remunerations go to such a class, ten thousand dollars a year was the least sum he would have received. He bestowed his extraordinary gifts on Virginia alone. He loved his Conference. He would not trade himself for dollars.

After all, this is the spear of Ithuriel, the touchstone of character. The minister who can command a larger income outside the pulpit, yet "swears to his own hurt and changes not," by wearing himself out preaching for the public good, makes lustrous his own life, rebukes the sneers of the infidel that shepherds serve God for the "fat and the wool" of the flock, and honors his God. Woe worth the day for Methodism when Zion outbids the world for men of genius. Bishop Marvin, at the Winchester Conference, sending married men out in the North Mountain and the Massanutta on the promise of three hundred dollars a year, blurred the MSS. appointments with his tears of sympathy for the wives and little ones while rejoicing at such proof of loyalty to the Lord Jesus.

"I die poor," was the unperishing utterance and unfading glory of Holland Nimmons McTyeire. It set the old keynote of Asbury and McKendree for modern Methodism. Bledsoe could have coined his rare powers into a frescoed palace, into merchandise of fine gold, into superb equipages. He died poor, but making many rich unto eternal life.

He had applause. The galleries were choked with crowds. He filled the pulpit of the chief churches. He lacked one thing. God did not withhold that supreme evidence of His concern—suffering.

"The path of sorrow and that path alone
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown."

The diamond is the child of fire and force. A crumb of carbon resisting for æons flame at the Fahrenheit of the furnace of the Sun while bearing up against the Andes, is transmuted from a pinch of ignoble soot into a spheroid of living light adorning the coronets of Kings. In the meanwhile there are leagues and latitudes of kindred carbon, the coal measures of the continents, which escape the fierce heat that purifies the dazzling orbs in princes' turbans because these mean masses cannot endure the testing process that refines and moulds the diamond. Significant and welcome are the kindled fagots of persecution, poverty, disease. They are not to punish. Indeed they are the torches to guide the feet to the palace of the Great King. It was the good fortune of our comrade to have this assurance of divine interest. He too, with Paul, helped to fill out the measure of Christ's sufferings. May God never forget to remind us by afflictions of His good will towards us!

On the afternoon of the Lord's Day, the 6th day of September, at 2 P. M., a great company heard a sermon in memory of the dead minister, preached at Amherst Courthouse, from the home of Dr. Bledsoe, by Rev. John J. Lafferty. The services were conducted by the Elder (the Rev. J. S. Hunter,) the Revs. Berryman, Reed, G. H. Ray, Jr., of the Presbyterian Church, and A. P. Gray, of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The burial was in the cemetery near the village. Revs. Hunter, Reed and Lafferty officiated. A special train from Charlottesville brought many members of Dr. Bledsoe's members and the choir with floral offerings. The neighbors contributed many wreaths.

He was married to Miss Annie Thurmond, and leaves three children—a son and two daughters.

VI. REPORTS.

BOARD OF COLPORTAGE.

Your Board in making its report desires to call attention to the following report from the Executive Committee:

To the Board of Colportage of the Virginia Conference:

The Executive Committee of your Board met at Ashland, Va., June 9, 1896, and made an examination of the business of the Board in the hands of Dr. Brown, our General Colporter, and it is highly gratifying to us that this important work of the Church has continued to move steadily forward despite the financial stringency of the times. Up to this date the sales this year surpass those of last year; the number of patrons is larger, and the territory over which the work now extends is greater. These are most encouraging facts; but while the work speaks for itself, we wish to re-affirm that Dr. Brown has exceptional facilities for supplying our people with books and periodicals with promptness and at the lowest prices.

The Virginia Conference is to be congratulated upon having secured the services of such a faithful and efficient General Colporter as Dr. Brown, and we most earnestly urge all our people to give him their patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BRADLEY,
W. T. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

Dr. Brown also presented his report for the past year, and the Board requests that he be again elected superintendent of our colportage work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

COLPORTAGE.

To the Board of Colportage of the Virginia Annual Conference:

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 11, 1896.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have closed the first decade of the important work committed to our hands, and the seventh year of my connection with it as your general superintendent. In many respects, this has been the most difficult and discouraging of the years through which God has safely brought us. The American people have passed through a most exciting political canvass; the public mind, and to a large extent the mind of the Church, has been pre-occupied by political

questions and party issues of great importance. You cannot be surprised, therefore, if these facts, patent to the observation of us all, together with the unrelenting stringency of the times and the unequalled scarcity of money among the people of the country charges, has seriously retarded the sale and circulation of religious books. Nevertheless, I am happy to inform you that while we have not been able to enlarge our operations, as it was hoped we might do, and have found it quite difficult to make collections to meet the imperative demands of our business, we have kept out of debt, and the value of our business has reached the sum of \$8,110.71. We regret to add that we have found it almost impossible to keep Colporters actively employed in the work, and yet through the generous aid and co-operation of our itinerant pastors, and of godly and zealous men and women in some sections of our Conference territory, not a little of strictly colportage work has been wisely and faithfully accomplished.

During the summer months, whatever of time I could spare from my district, was given without stint to your work. I visited seven District Conferences; preached and spoke frequently in the interest of colportage. My reception was everywhere most cordial and brotherly; and by appropriate resolutions, as in personal intercourse and communication, I received gratifying assurance that our cause was appreciated and that it would continue to have the support of the great body of our preachers and people, which, I trust, we may continue to merit by honest and persistent efforts to disseminate the word of God, and to place *the best book* in the hands and homes, and, I trust, the *hearts* of those for whose uplift and ultimate salvation we must be largely responsible to the great Head of our Church.

I will not weary you in this report with unnecessary details; but I wish to assure you that every part and particle of my general agency, including my books, accounts and methods of transacting the business committed to my hands, is open for your inspection. On this point, I beg to refer you to our Executive Committee, who have visited the Depository, at Ashland, Va., and have had full access to all sources of information in my possession. Below you have a list of my monthly remittances to Messrs. Barbee & Smith, for this year's purchases of the Publishing House, amounting in the aggregate to \$4,266.62; to which may be added small remittances to other publishers for books, not of our publication, amounting to \$583.90—total, \$4,850.52. These remittances were for stock bought at the lowest cash prices; that we might supply our customers on most reasonable terms and at lowest prices, giving them any reasonable time on their bills. Other expenses, such as rent of the Depository building, freight bills on shipments, clerical services, servant's hire, boxes and wrapping material, etc., have been paid in full, leaving of the net produce a scant compensation for the services rendered and the responsibilities assumed by your general agent, whose work is by no means a business venture, but a Christian enterprise, assigned him by Episcopal authority and in response to your repeated requests.

As the work of colportage in the Virginia Conference antedates the adoption of the plan of colportage by the General Conference at St. Louis, Mo., May, 1890, having originated at the hundred and fourth session of our Conference, held in Norfolk, November, 1886, it may be well to pass in review the first ten years of its history among us, that we may mark the progress it has made, and study the lessons it teaches. The object of the movement was thus defined: "To disseminate our church literature, especially that published at our Nashville house, embracing our hymn books, Disciplines, Sunday-school literature, blanks, Bibles, etc., and to solicit subscriptions to the *Richmond Christian Advocate* and other periodical literature of the church." F. H. Smith, LL. D., was elected president, and

J. W. Bradbury, secretary. From their first report, which appears in the Conference Annual of November, 1887, we learn "that 1,641 Bibles and other religious books were sold, at a cost of 44 cents for each dollar's worth of books, the profits to the church consisting of the religious results." In their next annual report, which appears in the Annual of November, 1888, they tell us that the obvious and admitted shortcomings of the existing plan have aroused an interest in finding a remedy for them, and thus its very feebleness, under the divine blessing, has been made to contribute to the cause, and they further say: "A finished plan was presented to the Conference yesterday, and by it referred for consideration to this Board. It has been presented to us with full explanations, and we are directed to return it to the Conference with our approval." Then follows "The constitution of the Sunday-school and Colportage Board," as it was called, over the signature of F. H. Smith, chairman. The Board was thoroughly re-organized. J. W. Blincoe, deceased, was appointed general agent. A depository, under the care of T. L. D. Walford, deceased, was established in Richmond, and the Church responded with commendable liberality on behalf of the cause. But alas! on the 15th day of September, 1889, the sudden and unexpected death of Brother Blincoe—a man of exceptional qualifications for his office, deprived the Board of his useful labors, and severely embarrassed the whole enterprise. T. L. D. Walford, a reputable layman, in feeble health, was his successor.

The report of the Board to the Conference at Richmond, November, 1889, contains the following exhibit of the year's business: Sales by colporters on the field, \$1,494.66; sales by the General Agent and by the depository in Richmond, \$1,530.88; books and tracts donated by the colporters, \$31.91, and by the General Agent, \$32.31; total value of sales and donations for the year, \$3,089.79. The expense account for the year, as shown by the Treasurer's report, is as follows: Salary of General Agent to November 1st, \$1,100; salary of T. L. D. Walford, \$212.50; traveling expenses, \$123; postage, etc., \$42.05; total, \$1,477.55. These discouraging results, together with the loss of a trusted leader, greatly disappointed the Board and the Conference, and for a time it was thought that the work would be abandoned. But not so. The work of Sunday-schools was separated from the work of colportage. The former was relegated to the Sunday-school Board of the Conference and the latter was reorganized under a new constitution, which empowered the Executive Committee, therein provided for, to take charge of the money and books of the Board and to loan the same to a general agent as capital on which to carry on the business, taking from him sufficient security for its return on the expiration of the agency. And on motion of J. W. Bledsoe, the following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That the Conference request the Presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. A. G. Brown the Agent of our Colportage Board." Thus, without my knowledge or consent, was I thrust into the office I now hold. Deferring to the wishes of my brethren, I cheerfully consented to serve the Board, with the distinct understanding that it should not interfere with my appointment in the regular itinerant ministry. Seven years I have held the position and discharged its duties to the best of my ability. The results are before you in my annual reports. Three plans have been tried. By their fruits ye know them. What shall the future be? In considering this important subject, kindly leave me out of view. Do what you may consider best for the Church and for the cause of God; and if your work can be better done by another, I would hail the day of rest from labors and responsibilities that lay a heavy tax upon my time and energies. But if not, now, as ever, I am your servant for Christ's sake, till He shall say, It is enough; come up higher!

Ashland, Va., Nov. 11th, 1896.

ALEX. G. BROWN, General Agent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.**REPORT No. 1.**

It has been and is now the aim of the Methodist Church to foster all enterprises that tend to the betterment of men. One of the most important of these enterprises is Christian education. To this the Church stands pledged. Year after year this Conference has passed resolutions declaring that our institutions of learning deserve the confidence and the patronage of our people, and urging the Church to bestir herself and see to it that the young people in our Methodist homes are put under the care of our Methodist schools. This exhortation to the Church should be more than a formality. It comes, not to the Church as an abstract thing, but to the people that compose the Church, both ministry and laity. Let each servant of God that votes to receive this report; that recognizes and acknowledges the justice of the claim which our schools have upon his time and service; that feels the importance of having the most wholesome influences thrown around our young people while their minds are undergoing training for future life, take this matter to heart seriously and ask himself whether activity on his part in the interest of our schools is a serious and solemn duty that may not with impunity be slighted or neglected.

The price of success is labor. If our schools are to be a great beneficent power in this Conference, we the members of this Conference must work for them. We must not be content merely to see them live; we must see that they flourish. In our closets we should ask God to give us zeal and enthusiasm for the work, and from the pulpit and in the social circle spread this enthusiasm until the people catch it. If we do this we shall sow abundant seed, the rich fruitage of which will be reaped hereafter.

Our educational interests have, in the last few years, grown so rapidly that there is need of the most active endeavor on the part of all our people in behalf of them. Under Divine Providence we have the most admirable system of schools in the South. The College at Ashland supplies facilities for the higher education of our boys; that at Lynchburg affords similar facilities for our girls; the Academies at Bedford City and Front Royal offer for our younger boys, and the Blackstone Institute for our younger girls, facilities never before had in the Church. These institutions purpose to "coin money into manhood and womanhood"; to turn our youths out into life strong in body, vigorous in intellect, and staunch in the Christian faith, fortified against evil indulgences, dominated by principles of honor and integrity, and panoplied with the armor of God.

In order to correct a misapprehension as to the status of the Blackstone Institute, your Board begs to say that the Blackstone Institute is owned entirely by our Church. It is not in any sense a private corporation or stock company, but stands in the same relation to the Church as the Randolph-Macon system. While not in the Randolph-Macon system, the course of study is correlated with the Woman's College, and stands related to the latter as the academies to the college at Ashland. The Institute is in a most prosperous condition, having now, at the beginning of its third year, a patronage of one hundred and thirty. It is thoroughly Methodist in both ownership and spirit, every officer and teacher being an active member of our Church.

There are other institutions, not indeed the property of our Church, or of trustees, by whom the trust is held for the benefit of our Church at large, yet owned by Methodists, and in some cases with special provisions for control by

our Church in its local organizations, which are necessary for meeting the needs of our people in the education of girls and young women, and which have heretofore done and are still doing a valuable and indispensable work in this direction—in many instances a generous and benevolent work for the benefit of our preachers' families. We dare not ignore or overlook or discriminate against these on the mere ground that the legal title to the property is not held by trustees for the express benefit of our Church at large.

We recommend to our people the institutions of this class which have long been under our care and patronage, and have reported their statistics to our Board of Education.

These schools bid for patronage, not for the purpose of making money, but for the purpose of doing good. To secure this patronage, it is necessary that the cost to the patron be made as low as possible. To lessen the cost, debts must be paid and endowments must be increased. Let us endeavor to develop among the members of the Church at large such a spirit of liberality and such an interest in the work as will make for our schools friends enough to perfect what has been so well begun and thus far so well prosecuted.

We are glad to report that the Local and District Boards of Education are becoming more efficient in their work. These organizations should be yet more thoroughly active. They may become, and we have no doubt will become, invaluable allies to those in charge of our various institutions.

Your Board recommend that the following changes be made in the Constitution of this Board:

1. The passage in Art. II, Sec. 2, which now reads: "to the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education, with information for whom it is to be used, and report to the District Board the amounts that have been so forwarded," be stricken out, and insert: "to the Treasurer of the District Board of Education, who shall forward it at once to the treasurer of the institution in which the student is entered and report the same to the Secretary of the Conference Board of Education."

2. In Art. III, first clause, after "Local Board of Education consisting of," strike out "three members" and insert "the preacher in charge and three laymen"; and after "upon nomination of the preacher in charge," insert "any two members of which shall constitute a quorum."

We offer for your adoption the following resolutions:

1. That the pastors of our charges be requested to select a suitable time and place, some time between June 15th and September 1st, to hold an educational mass meeting, at which the general subject of education, and especially the interests of our own church schools, shall be brought before our people, and a collection taken for the cause of education. It is also recommended that the pastors notify the chairman of their District Board, and the officers of our church schools, of the time and place of said mass meeting, in order that they may attend if possible.

2. That the presiding Bishop be, and is hereby, requested to re-appoint Rev. W. F. Tillett, D. D., Professor in Vanderbilt University, and Rev. Jas. Cannon, Jr., President of Blackstone Female Institute; and to appoint Rev. Jno. T. Payne President of Central Female Institute, Gordonsville, Va., and Rev. E. H. Rowe President of the Southern Seminary and Conservatory of Music, Bowling Green, Va., and Rev. J. H. Moss Professor in Emory and Henry College.

3. That the Joint Board of Finance be requested to apportion to the several districts \$3,500 for the benefit of Randolph-Macon College, and \$564 for the uses of the General Board, and \$200 for Paine and Lane Institutes—the whole sum of \$4,264 to be pro rated.

4. That no institution shall hereafter be recommended to the patronage of our Conference that has not a Board of Visitors appointed by the Conference and a report rendered to the Conference Board of Education by the Board of Visitors.

We report the following statistics, furnished your Board :

NAME OF INSTITUTION.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	Teachers.	Students.	Average en- tire Expense per annum.	Value of Buildings and Grounds.	Total Endowment.	Indebtedness	Volumes in Library.
<i>Owned and Controlled by our Church :</i>								
Randolph-Macon College.....	W. W. Smith, LL.D.	.....	132	.....	\$116,000	\$126,000	\$16,569	10,000
Randolph-Macon Woman's College	W. W. Smith, LL.D.	.....	119	.....	123,000	102,600	12,000	1,000
R.-M. Academy, Bedford City	W. W. Smith, LL.D.	.....	133	230	102,000	.....	30,000	300
R.-M. Academy, Front Royal.....	W. W. Smith, LL.D.	.....	85	.....	101,000	.....	25,000	.....
Blackstone Female Institute.....	Rev. Jas. Cannon, Jr.	13	130	180	27,500	.....	8,000	500
<i>Under Church Patronage :</i>								
Suffolk College.....	Miss S. A. Finney....	8	90	.....	30,000	.....	.....	175
Danville Female College.....	R. E. L. Farmer.....	8	69	.....	40,000	.....	9,000	.....
Southern Female College.....	A. K. Davis.....	12	100	.....	10,000	.....	.....	.....
Southern Female Seminary and Conservatory of Music.....	Rev. E. H. Rowe.....	8	45	.....	10,500	.....	.....	.....
Central Female Institute.....	Rev. Jno. T. Payne...	7	83	150	4,000	.....	.....	.....

RICH'D IRBY,
Secretary pro tem.

A. COKE SMITH,
President.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT No. 2.

Your Board nominates and requests the Conference to elect Prof. A. M. Hughlett Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Education in place of Prof. J. H. Riddick, Jr., resigned.

Also, we request the presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. R. M. Saunders Treasurer of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

RICH'D IRBY,
Secretary pro tem.

A. COKE SMITH,
President.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Reports from all sections of our Conference indicate no diminution, but a renewed interest in the Sunday-school work of our church ; and, from what we know, the aid furnished our needy Sunday-schools from the Childrens' Day Fund has greatly helped to advance the prosperity of the work. We have specially endeavored to respond to all appeals for assistance coming from the most destitute portions of our Conference territory. We have had positive assurance from some of our brethren that a number of Sunday-schools within the bounds of their work could not possibly be kept up, even during the summer months, without aid from the Board, and in every instance we have responded to their appeals for assistance. In some instances we have been informed that the timely aid of the Board to start a Sunday-school in an impoverished and destitute community has helped to form the nucleus of a church, and resulted in bringing parents and children under the saving influences of the gospel.

A recent authority estimates that one-eighth of the Sunday-school population of the world is connected with the Methodist Church in the United States. How great, then, is our responsibility as Methodists, into whose hands so great a share of this work has by the blessing of God been committed. With the population of America doubling oftener than once in thirty years, there are children now in our Sunday-schools who are to see 150,000,000 population in this country, and of that population they must be the guides and leaders. How wise was Luther's school-master at Eisenach, old John Trebonius, who, when asked why he always took off his hat and made a low bow to his pupils on entering his school-room, said: "I make a low bow to the great men of the next generation." Just so it is with the great men of the next generation who are now receiving or failing to receive the most momentous part of their education in our Sunday-schools. As an institution, then, it is helping amazingly to swell the population of heaven, while, at the same time, it prepares our youth for an ennobling citizenship on earth.

As pastors, then, let us do the best we can to arouse the conscience of the church to realize the wickedness of neglecting an institution most deeply affecting the prosperity of the church and the welfare of society. Certainly if there is any work in the whole round of church enterprise that demands and has the right to claim the best service of the pastor, and of the ablest and best educated men and women in the church, that work is the instruction of her youth in the knowledge of the Bible and the truths of religion.

In the report of our Sunday-school editor, Dr. Atkins, read before this Conference, he says: "That the reports of the Conference Sunday-school Boards sent in to his office, show unaccountable disregard of the law touching the observance of Children's Day." We regret to say that there is a lamentable disregard of the law in at least fifty appointments of this Conference. In view of this fact, the brethren are earnestly urged to let no charge be without a carefully prepared observance of the day. We are glad to note the marked improvement in our Sunday-school literature. In its contents and mechanical finish and cheapness it is now equal to any in the land, and we can heartily recommend it to all our schools and people as worthy of their patronage. Surely our Sunday-school Magazine should be taken by all our Sunday-school teachers. Let us double the number of subscriptions to that periodical, and thus help to swell the number of subscribers to 100,000 in the Church, South, which it so richly deserves.

Let our brethren who write for appropriations from the Board for needy Sunday-schools be sure to write their applications as the Board directs, viz :

Let every application be signed by the preacher or presiding elder in charge of the work where the school is located.

State the specific purpose for which the money will be used.

State the number of scholars on the roll of the school.

State that the money donated will be used in purchasing Sunday-school supplies of our own church.

We offer the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference:

Resolved 1st, That every pastor in the Conference will faithfully endeavor to have Children's Day observed on his charge.

Resolved 2d, That the Conference be requested to set aside some time during its annual session for a Sunday-school anniversary meeting, at which time the Sunday-school interest shall be brought prominently before the people by speakers chosen for that work.

Resolved 3d, That we will endeavor to form missionary societies in all our schools.

Resolved 4th, That a determined effort be made to increase the circulation of our Sunday-school literature.

Below will be found a list of the appropriations made by the Executive Committee of the Board during the Conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. PETERSON,
Chairman Sunday-school Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following items were copied from the book of the late Treasurer, Rev. W. H. Christian:

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward from last Conference as surplus.....	\$ 14 95
Received from George L. Neville.....	1,298 53
Total.....	\$1,313 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

1895.	
Dec. 5—Paid J. H. Riddick, Secretary Conference Educational Board, one-half of surplus for 1894-5.....	\$ 7 48
Dec. 5—D. B. Smith, Treasurer Gen'l Sunday-school Board.....	7 47
1896.	
Jan. 16—E. M. Peterson, postage (check).....	1 50
J. G. Lennon, Huntersville charge.....	25 00
L. J. Phaup, Bon Air.....	10 00
W. S. Smith, White Plain.....	40 00
W. H. Christian, postage.....	2 50
Jan. 30—E. T. Dadmun, Batesville, Va.....	25 00
M. S. Jones, Manchester.....	30 00
Rev. R. B. Scott, Chester.....	20 00
Rev. C. H. Williams, Spottsylvania.....	35 00
Rev. W. W. Sawyer, Hick's Wharf.....	36 00
Rev. J. N. Latham, Richmond.....	18 00
Feb. 1—Rev. A. L. Carson, North Pittsylvania.....	40 00
Feb. 12—Rev. B. S. Herrink, East Franklin.....	20 00
Rev. W. T. Eggleston, Superintendent Plain Point.....	35 00
Mrs. Mary E. Christian, for postage due Rev. W. H. Christian.....	84
	<u>353 79</u>
Balance in hand.....	<u>\$959 69</u>

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 28—From Mrs. Mary E. Christian, administratrix of Rev. Wm. H. Christian, late Treasurer.....	\$959 69
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DISBURSEMENTS.

1. March	4—By check to Rev. W. A. S. Conrad, Rappahan-	15 00
2. "	4—By check to Rev. J. Sidney Peters, for West	40 00
3. "	4—By check to Rev. W. T. Williams, for Denny Street	35 00
4. "	4—By check to Rev. R. H. Mullen, W. New Kent Cir't,	25 00
5. "	14—By check to Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., Richmond	6 00
6. "	14—By check to Rev. G. H. McFaden, Hanover Circuit,	10 00
7. "	14—By check to Rev. W. B. Jett, Oaklette and Gilmer-	10 00
8. "	14—By check to Rev. W. E. Judkins, Ashland, Va.,	11 25
9. "	25—By check to Rev. A. G. Brown, Ashland, Va.,	1 74
10. "	28—By check to Rev. A. G. Brown, Ashland, Va.,	6 87
11. April	1—By check to Rev. R. E. Barrett, Blandford Station,	35 00
12. "	1—By check to Rev. R. L. Wingfield, Henry Circuit,	25 00
13. "	1—By check to Rev. C. E. Blankenship, West Frank-	15 00
14. "	2—By check to Rev. S. C. Hatcher, Barton Heights	25 00
15. "	11—By check to Rev. B. F. Smith, Milton Mission....	20 00
16. "	11—By check to Rev. S. R. Drewry, Pittsylvania Cir't,	20 00
17. "	20—By check to Rev. J. D. Hosier, Hooper's Island	20 00
18. "	20—By check to Rev. W. J. Williams, Culpeper Circuit,	40 00
19. "	23—By check to Rev. E. P. Parham, Buckingham Cir't,	30 00
20. "	23—By check to Rev. E. V. Carson, Amelia Circuit....	20 00
21. "	29—By check to Rev. N. C. Scott, Ashland, Va., Mis-	20 00
22. "	30—By check to Rev. J. E. McSparran, West Gooch-	25 00
23. May	6—By check to Rev. T. P. Duke, South of Dan Circuit,	40 00
24. "	7—By check to Rev. W. A. Laughon, Asbury Mission,	40 00
25. "	7—By check to Rev. A. G. Brown, Ashland, Prince	15 00
26. "	8—By check to Rev. A. B. Sharp, Charlotte Circuit,	27 50
27. "	21—By check to Rev. R. G. James, Woodville Circuit,	15 00
28. "	21—By check to Rev. W. E. Bullard, Charles City Cir't,	25 00
29. "	23—By check to Rev. T. J. Taylor, Richmond, Va.,	15 00
30. "	29—By check to Rev. J. M. Burton, Lunenburg Circuit,	30 00
31. June	1—By check to Rev. J. G. Bailey, So. Staunton Miss.,	20 00
32. "	11—By check to Rev. J. L. Spencer, Burkeville Circuit,	30 00
33. July	6—By check to Rev. A. C. Jordan, Mt. Pleasant Cir't,	10 00
34. Aug.	14—By check to Rev. W. W. Sawyer, W. Mathews Cir't,	25 00
35. "	27—By check to Rev. J. P. Woodward, King and	15 00
36. Sept.	16—By check to Rev. A. G. Brown, Ashland, Va.,	46 77
37.	Treasurer for check book, stamps, &c.....	2 50
38. Nov.	1—J. W. Nicholson, West Brunswick Circuit.....	5 00

Total expenditures and disbursements.. 817 63

Balance in Treasurer's hands..... \$142 06

Nov. 12—To Rev. E. M. Peterson, for postage..... 2 00

Balance in hand. \$140 06

T. J. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The publications that are closest to us are the papers printed under the auspices of the Church in Virginia. The *Richmond Christian Advocate* has a first claim on the favor of the Church in Virginia, being the organ of the Conference.

There has been great improvement during the past few years in the general make up of the *Advocate*. Its several departments are ably conducted, and the paper is worthy of the continued and enlarged patronage of the Church in Virginia. Your committee think the interest in, and usefulness of the *Advocate* would be greatly enhanced if the editor would institute a department of local church news from the several districts, and a column in the interest of the cause of temperance.

The *Danville Methodist* and the *Methodist Recorder* are valuable and efficient instrumentalities for the dissemination of truth in their respective fields, and as such we heartily commend them to the support of our people in those fields.

Our publishing house at Nashville continues to prosper in all its departments. The volume of business has largely increased this year, despite the stringency of the times. The house has done \$350,512 worth of business during the fiscal year, and has made large gains over past years, so that its assets are increased to \$708,760. The increased facilities by improved machinery and otherwise, have led to a greater amount of work. There have passed through the presses this year, twenty-eight books and booklets. This justifies the statement made by your committee last year that our publishing house now offers to authors and writers advantages for publication equal to any publishing company on the continent. The work done in the printing and binding departments of the house is of very superior quality, and thus it commends itself to the consideration of authors who have manuscripts to pass through the press.

Our Sunday-school literature still maintains that high standard which has made it so great a blessing to this department of church work. Four new libraries have been added, and we heartily commend them to our Sunday-schools.

Resolved, That we esteem the *Christian Advocate* issued by our publishing house at Nashville, Tenn., and so ably edited by Dr. E. E. Hoss, and his assistant editor, Dr. J. W. Boswell, as a paper of superior excellence, and, as the general organ of Southern Methodism, we heartily commend it to all our people.

Resolved, That the *Review*, published by our church, and edited by Rev. John J. Tigert, D. D., is worthy of the increased patronage of our people, and the full endorsement of this Conference. Its articles are strong, able, and scholarly, and the periodical meets a pressing need of the Church.

Resolved, That we recommend to our people the following books, published at our house in Nashville: "Witnesses for Christ," Bishop Wilson; "The Man of Galilee," "Our Children," "Jack Knife," and "Brambles," by Bishop Haygood; "The Circuit of the Globe," by Bishop Galloway; "A Young People's History of the Chinese," by Dr. W. G. E. Cunningham; "Child Life in Our Mission Fields," by Mrs. Daisy Lambeth and Miss Kate Harland, all of which may be had of Dr. A. G. Brown, our colporteur agent, at Ashland, Va.

Respectfully,

GEORGE H. RAY, *Chairman*.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension begs leave to submit its report as follows :

The Board had at its disposal \$1,755.17, being 50 per cent. of \$3,367.24 raised by the preachers, and \$71.25 returned to the Board from Statesville, on the North Pittsylvania Circuit.

The following appropriations have been made :

Beaver Dam, West Hanover Circuit, West Richmond District.....	\$ 100 00
Joppa, Cascade Circuit, Danville District.....	100 00
St. Johns, Cascade Circuit, Danville District.....	50 00
Watson Memorial, Chatham Circuit, Danville District.....	200 00
Fletchers, King George Circuit, Rappahannock District.....	100 00
Boon's Mill, Franklin Circuit, Danville District	100 00
Bethel. Southern Princess Anne Circuit, Norfolk District.....	125 00
Providence, Culpeper Circuit, Charlottesville District.....	75 00
Williamsburg, Williamsburg Circuit, Richmond District.....	200 00
Boonsboro, North Bedford Circuit, Lynchburg District	75 00
Mt. Horeb, Gordonsville Circuit, Charlottesville District.....	200 00
St. James, West Franklin Circuit, Danville District.....	271 55
Hopewell, Bowling Green Circuit, Rappahannock District.....	75 00
Oak Grove, West Goochland Circuit, West Richmond District.....	75 00
J. W. Fergusson & Son, printing....	3 75
W. G. Bates, Secretary, for postage, etc.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 1,751 30

We would call special attention to the work of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of our Conference. This society is doing a noble work in aiding in the building of parsonages, and in assisting needy preachers and their families on the frontier. This work needs and should have the earnest support of our preachers and people.

There are nineteen auxiliary societies with 450 members, a gain of nine auxiliaries and 165 members during the year. These have raised \$620.93, besides sending to the families of needy preachers, four barrels of supplies, valued at \$200.

One parsonage has been aided by a donation of \$75.

The following are the officers of this society for the ensuing year :

President—Mrs. W. J. Young, Norfolk, Va.

First Vice-President—Mrs. D. T. Elam, Farmville, Va.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. E. Wait, Richmond, Va.

Treasurer—Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Lynchburg, Va.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. E. Wall, Farmville, Va.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. N. Moorman, Lynchburg, Va.

DISTRICT SOCIETIES.

Richmond District—Miss Rebecca Hardwicke.

West Richmond District—Mrs. R. E. Michaels.

Rappahannock District—Mrs. Bettie Walker.

Charlottesville District—(To be supplied).

Lynchburg District—Mrs. E. S. Moorman.

Danville District—(To be supplied).

Farmville District—Mrs. J. R. Martin.

Petersburg District—Mrs. J. D. Lumsden.

Portsmouth District—Mrs. C. C. Wertenbaker.

Norfolk District—Mrs. J. C. Norsworthy.

Eastern Shore District—Mrs. R. H. Potts.

J. WILEY BLEDSOE, *Chairman*.

W. G. BATES, *Secretary*.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

NORFOLK, VA., November 7, 1896.

To the President and Directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans:

BRETHREN,—I present herewith a statement of my receipts and disbursements for your society for the fiscal year beginning November 11, 1895, and ending November 7, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

1895.		
Nov. 11—Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,574 16	
1896.		
Feb. 12—Donation from a "friend," through Rev. T. H. Campbell	1,000 00	
Mar. 16—Lumsden bequest, as of January 31st.....	870 00	
23—Loan of Charles Schøder paid off.....	700 00	
Apl. 9—Lumsden bequest, through R. B. Davis, trustee...	676 53	
30—Loan of Jacob Anthony paid off.....	1,000 00	
May 6—Loan of D. P. Reid & Bro. paid off.....	3,000 00	
22—Loan of W. C. Lowry paid off.....	1,000 00	
June 3—Loan of J. B. Pace and J. J. Lafferty paid off.....	1,250 00	
July 9—Loan of Mrs. J. V. Bassett paid off.....	2,000 00	
Sept. 26—Loan of Mrs. M. E. Elliott paid off.....	1,200 00	
Oct. 25—Loan of Cobb & Milhado on account.....	1,000 00	
Nov. 7—Subscriptions to date.....	319 25	
7—Interest on loans.....	1,764 54	
		<u>\$17,354 48</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1895.		
Nov. 19—Appropriations.....	\$ 740 00	
Dec. 3—Safe Deposit Box Rent.....	3 00	
1896.		
Jan. 23—Loan to Mrs. M. E. Elliott.....	1,200 00	
Feb. 12—Incidental expenses.....	2 20	
Mar. 24—Loan to W. W. Wilson.....	2,000 00	
Apl. 16—Expenses in connection with Lumsden bequest...	8 64	
May 4—Loan to W. C. Cobb and Aaron Milhado.....	4,000 00	
26—Loan to Mrs. Kate L. Crockett	1,500 00	
June 2—Daniel Harmon for legal services.....	10 00	
Sept. 1—Loan to Mrs. B. A. Tyree.....	1,000 00	
22—Loan to James H. Gaskins.....	1,000 00	
Oct. 2—Loan to W. B. Browne and others.....	1,000 00	
8—Loan to William C. Henley	1,300 00	
20—Mrs. Sallie Lumsden, interest to July 1st.....	31 00	
20—Postal cards and printing.....	6 75	
Nov. 5—Secretary and Treasurer.....	150 00	
		<u>\$13,951 59</u>
Balance on hand.....		<u>\$ 3,402 89</u>

The assets of the Society are as follows :

Cash on hand.....	\$ 3,402 89
Notes and Bonds :	
L. Clay Kilby, Treasurer.....	\$ 1,000 00
Julian Russell.....	3,000 00
M. Glennan.....	3,000 00
S. Marx.....	3,500 00
James E. Martin.....	1,200 00
S. & W. B. Meredith.....	1,000 00
T. H. & E. J. Frost.....	1,500 00
Margaret A. Maynard.....	1,500 00
W. W. Wilson.....	2,000 00
W. C. Cobb and Aaron Milhado.....	3,000 00
Kate L. Crockett.....	1,500 00
B. A. Tyree.....	1,000 00
James H. Gaskins.....	1,000 00
W. B. Browne and others.....	1,000 00
William C. Henley.....	1,300 00
	<u>\$26,500 00</u>
Total.....	<u>\$29,902 89</u>
Assets 1896.....	\$29,902 89
Assets 1895.....	<u>26,224 16</u>
Increase.. ..	<u>\$ 3,678 73</u>

APPROPRIATIONS NOVEMBER, 1896.

Mrs. Thomas Diggs.....	\$25	Rev. J. W. Heckman.....	\$25
Rev. C. H. Green.....	25	Rev. W. A. Tompkins.....	25
Rev. McDaniel Rucker.....	50	Rev. E. P. Parham.....	30
Rev. James W. Baker.....	25	Rev. J. H. Proctor.....	25
Rev. C. S. Wamsley.....	50	Mrs. Joseph Lear.....	25
Rev. H. T. Bacon.....	50	Rev. T. P. Duke.....	25
Rev. E. M. Jordan.....	50	Mrs. J. W. Tucker.....	25
Rev. C. W. Cain.....	25	Rev. W. A. Laughon.....	25
Miss Mollie Scott.....	25	Mrs. J. H. Patteson.....	40
Mrs. T. M. Beckham.....	25	Mrs. John Bayley.....	25
Rev. R. N. Crooks.....	25	Rev. D. M. Wallace.....	20
Rev. J. E. McSpairan.....	50	Mrs. E. P. Wilson.....	40
Rev. John McClelland.....	25	Mrs. G. M. Wright.....	40
Rev. W. R. Smithey.....	25	Rev. J. F. Brannin.....	20
Rev. R. H. Mullen.....	35		
		Total.....	<u>\$900</u>

Our assets have been materially increased during the year by large contributions from two sources. One was the generous donation of \$1,000 from a "friend," through the Rev. T. H. Campbell. The other was from the estate of the late Rev. J. D. Lumsden. By the will of our deceased brother his property was left to his widow, in fee, with the desire expressed that at her death one-half of it be divided equally between Randolph-Macon College and the Preachers' Relief Society. Mrs. Lumsden, being anxious to carry out the wishes of the late husband, though under no legal obligation so to do, turned over to us certain bonds from which our

society and Randolph-Macon College each realized \$870. She also conveyed the real estate to Mr. R. B. Davis, trustee, to be sold and divided as indicated above, we to pay her 6 per cent. interest, during the term of her natural life, on all amounts coming into our hands from this estate. Mr. Davis has thus far paid us \$676.53 on this account, and several hundred dollars more will be paid when the property is sold. These two cases are worthy of more than a passing mention. The income from the former, like other subscriptions, goes to the beneficiaries of the society as fast as it is realized. That from the latter, under the conditions upon which the gift was made, is to go, as heretofore stated, to Mrs. Lumsden during her life, and after her death to the beneficiaries of the society forever. Are there not others who can do as these generous friends have done? It would seem that among the many Methodists within the bounds of our Conference, not a few might be found who would be glad to follow the example of one or the other of these friends. If not able to do without the income from such donations as they should like to make the society, they might accompany the gift with the stipulation that the income therefrom should be paid to them during their lifetime and at their death to go as in the case of the Lumsden bequest.

Respectfully submitted,

Examined and found correct.

W. W. VICAR, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

WILBUR J. KILBY,

S. Q. COLLINS,

E. V. WHITE,

Auditing Committee.

EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

The Epworth League is indeed no longer an experiment. It has passed the period of its probation in the Church, and by its growth and work demonstrated its right to a place in its organization. Organized little over seven years ago in the M. E. Church, recommended by the General Conference of our Church in 1890, and erected into a co-ordinate department of work by the General Conference of 1894, it has prospered and grown till now, in the M. E. Church, South, alone, the League numbers three thousand chartered local Societies, with a membership of about one hundred and fifty thousand. Some have feared it is growing too rapidly; that the tide of enthusiasm is flooding so suddenly and so widely as to deluge its own prospects of future success and permanency. We think there need be no fear. The young people have put their heads as well as their hearts into the movement; brain as well as blood and brawn, and far more important still—it is true to-day as before—"The best of all is, God is with us." By every token God is in it, as He has been from the beginning; and if He is in it, it cannot fail.

It is providential in the place it occupies in the Church. It does not take the place of the Sunday-school or interfere with it; it does not take the place of the Missionary Society or interfere with that. The Epworth League has a place distinctively its own between the Sunday-school and adult membership in the church that no other organization fills or can fill. The niche was so certainly there, so needed to be filled, and is so well filled by the League that our only wonder is it remained so long unfilled. God saw the need, and in the fulness of time, we do not doubt, His hand brought the supply.

It is providential in the work it does. We are putting much time and energy and talk into the Epworth League, and it must yield rich returns to the Church or it does not pay. We believe it does pay. It puts our young people to work,

and by engaging head and hands and heart with that which is worthy and helpful, leaves no room for that which is harmful. Is it too much to hope that herein lies the solution of the distressing problem of worldliness in the Church? But more than this, we are giving our Methodist people, young and old, something to do, teaching and training them to do it, until now not the pastor alone, or a few leading members on the official board, with a few devout women in the Womens' Societies, but the whole Church, or certainly a very much larger part of it than ever before, is doing the Lord's work. If the Epworth League continues to prosper and grow as it has done in the few years of its past history, and does the work of training it promises to do, it is hardly an exaggeration to say that through its instrumentality the church's working efficiency will be increased manifold in a single generation.

It is gratifying to note that there are among us no complications, no erratic or dangerous tendencies, such as sometimes characterize young people's movements. One of the great objects of the League is to promote loyalty, and sometimes it has been feared that it will lessen and destroy the very thing it is meant to foster; making itself the Church, it will become an unruly and very troublesome member of the body of Christ. We are glad to report that the Epworth League, of all its organizations, is loyal to the Church. Sometimes we hear it said, as between the young peoples' society and the Church, we are for the society. With us it is not so. There is no such issue, and if there should be, we have the best reasons for believing our young people will everywhere say, "We are for the Church." Loyal to Methodism, with its distinctive doctrines and its peculiar polity; loyal to that type of truth we call evangelical; loyal to the Word of God as received, not from the critics, but from the fathers; loyal in all to Jesus Christ.

We would urge, therefore, upon our pastors and people the thoughtful, patient, diligent organization of Leagues in all our churches, believing that while it may be more easily done in one than in another, according to varying conditions, it is practicable in every one.

We would advise the development of all the departments, calling special attention to the library, not because it is more important than the others, but because, though needed so much, it has not been generally operated with success. And we very much hope that our Leagues will everywhere adopt the reading course prescribed by our General Committee and for sale by Barbee & Smith.

We deem a Conference League unnecessary, as all the ends of union and co-operation are fully met by the State Conference organization, of which the territory of this Annual Conference forms a part.

We would further urge upon our Leagues the payment of the ten-cent assessment ordered by the General Board, as the central office is wholly dependent upon this fund for the payment of its current expenses.

Realizing the wide field of usefulness opening up before the *Epworth Era* and the possibilities for good to be accomplished by it among our young people, we commend it to all our people, but especially to the Epworth Leagues, as calculated to instruct and edify, as well as stimulate their zeal and quicken their efforts for the advancement of the interests of the Master's kingdom in the earth.

We are glad to recognize the brilliant work done by our Epworth League Secretary, Rev. S. A. Steele, D. D., and commend him for the enthusiasm he has infused into this great movement throughout our Church.

E. H. RAWLINGS, W. B. BEAUCHAMP,
G. H. RAY, G. H. McFADEN,
E. G. MOSELY.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MISSIONARY FUND.

REV. E. H. RAWLINGS, President :

Dear Sir and Brother,—Of the \$1,831 subscribed by Virginia, Baltimore and Holston Conferences at Virginia Epworth League Conference, held in Lynchburg, Va., June 25, 1896, for support of missionary in foreign field, these amounts have been paid in to Treasurer :

Virginia Conference	\$422 00
Baltimore Conference	49 00
Holston Conference.....	5 00
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	\$476 00

Of this total, \$387.37 have been forwarded to T. B. Holt, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn., and the remainder is in hand ready for remittance.

Faternally,

JAS. B. GREGORY,
Treasurer.

Lynchburg, Va., November 12, 1896.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows :

The gratifying progress of public sentiment relative to the subject of temperance (plainly observable in so many parts of our great country) should encourage future exertion for the abolition of a commerce as ruinous to immortal souls as destructive to the physical well-being of men. Since the advance of scientific investigation has demonstrated the truth of the position taken by Dr. Rush in America and by John Wesley in England, during the latter years of the 18th century, not only have the Christian churches given forth unqualified condemnation of the liquor traffic, but organizations looking no higher than temporal good have in many instances declared hostility to the same iniquitous business. The sincere patriot, no less than the real Christian, has undoubtedly reached the thought that every phase of human interest is endangered by what is known as the drinking saloon. Certainly the Church meets with no more dangerous foe than that found in the varied forms of temptation to dissipation. Success to the trade in intoxicants must mean defeat to the mission of the Church. It must mean the loss of immortal souls in perdition's prison house.

Continuance of the life of this devouring Moloch must mean the furnishing of victims from the boys of our households. The thousands that annually fall into drunkards' graves and into the drunkards' hell must have successors from the ranks of boyhood and youth. What thought can be more appalling? What parent can regard his child as an improbable victim? What Christian can contemplate the prospect without alarm? The truth stares us in the face that the good people of this country must throttle this enemy or be throttled by it. What lover of our Saviour's cause can hesitate as to exertion?

But to what action are Christians called? Evidently to that which is educative. By precept and example every Christian should contribute to that influence which will ultimate in the destruction of this great destroyer of men. And as only by the power of citizenship can the death-stroke be given to this murderous commerce, the Church can but plead for the exercise of that power. Hence, we hail with hopeful feelings the work of the varied temperance organizations having in

view the persuasion of our citizens to give their authoritative voice against licensing the sale of intoxicating beverages. Especially would we give sympathy and encouragement to the work of the anti-saloon organizations proposed by the American Anti-Saloon League, from which this Conference has received an invitation to appoint delegates to attend the session in Washington in December next.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Conference urge our ministry and laity to activity in every appropriate way to suppress the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That this Conference appoint delegates to the American Anti-Saloon League, as requested by that organization.

F. M. EDWARDS,
Secretary.

W. W. LEAR,
Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report:

The General Conference has acted wisely by enacting laws emphasizing the value of the Bible Cause, making it the duty of every preacher in charge to report to the Conference the amount raised during the year within the bounds of his charge for the Bible Cause; and also to present once a year to each congregation in his charge the claims of the Bible Society, and to report the amount raised by him for this purpose. Also requiring the presiding elder to make inquiry at the Quarterly Conference as to what is being done for the Bible Society.

The grounds or reasons for this will be apparent to any one who will reflect and consider—

What the Bible has done for mankind.

What the Bible Society has done in spreading it abroad by cheapening and diversifying its issues so that none need go without it who wants it; by sending out colporters and agents inducing the careless to buy, or giving to those unable to buy.

By publishing it in all the languages of the nations and tribes of the world, so that the missionary is equipped with the "sword of the Spirit," when he goes to the heathen and pagan nations, "without money and without price." In many cases he finds the people to whom he goes already supplied with "the Word," and the way thus prepared before him.

The blind even can read the Word in letters fitted to their touch.

What would the churches do without these great efforts and agencies of the Bible Society? And still our Conference reports show but little of the acts of the apostles, while they are abundant in resolutions and promises in behalf of the Bible Cause. Brethren, this ought not so to be. We should "vow and pay unto the Lord our vows." A small contribution on each charge would make a sum double what we now contribute to this great cause.

We offer the following:

1. We hereby endorse the great work of the Bible Society, and commend it to the attention of our ministers and people.

2. We specially request our presiding elders not only to ask the disciplinary question, but to get a positive answer to it, with fruits following early in the year before other collections crowd out this.

3. We likewise request our preachers to do as requested by the Discipline—that is, preach on the subject, and thus honor God's word and commend it to the people.

4. That when no colporter is at work on their charges, to use every means practicable to have their people supplied with Bibles.

Respectfully submitted,

RICH'D IRBY,
W. V. TUDOR,
F. M. EDWARDS,
Committee.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee appointed to examine District Conference Records has carefully discharged that duty and begs leave to make the following report:

All the records were before the committee and duly examined.

Records of the Lynchburg, Norfolk, West Richmond, Petersburg, Rappahannock, Charlottesville, Farmville and Eastern Shore District Conferences have been neatly and correctly kept.

The Portsmouth Record is well kept, except it does not state place where Conference was held and names of committee are not given to report marked "I."

The record of the Richmond District Conference is well kept, but the reports of committees are not recorded.

The Danville District Record is well kept, except there is no official roll.

BASCOM DEY,
Secretary.

RICH'D FERGUSON,
Chairman Committee.

CHANGE OF TIME.

At a meeting of the committee to consider the advisability of changing the time of holding the annual sessions of the Virginia Conference, after hearing the views of each member of the committee and carefully canvassing the subject with the members of the Conference, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to make any change in the time of holding the sessions of this Conference.

A. W. NOWLIN,
Secretary.

R. W. WATTS,
Chairman.

A DECADE OF CONFERENCE HISTORY REVIEWED FROM NOVEMBER, 1885, TO NOVEMBER, 1895.

As chairman of the Joint Board of Finance—an office I have had the honor to fill for thirty-two years—it has been my custom, every ten years, to review our financial and statistical exhibits, and to present to the Conference such facts and figures with respect to our great Church work, as may be of greatest value, for our edification and encouragement. My first review was of the decade, dating from the first session of Conference after the close of the late war, held at Danville, Va., November, 1865. The second was of the decade ending November, 1885, presented at the one hundred and fourth session of this venerable body, held in Cumberland-Street church, Norfolk. It was published in our Conference Annual of that year. I propose now, to pass in review the period from November, 1885, to November, 1895, which is, in many respects, the most interesting and encouraging decade in our Conference history.

I. OUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—WHITE.

Deducting from the reports made to the Conference of November, 1885, that portion of our membership residing in the State of North Carolina, and subsequently transferred by the General Conference to the North Carolina Conference, we had, as of that date, in the Virginia Conference, 57,658 members, and our statistical tables show, that as of November, 1895, after deducting all losses by death,

removal, withdrawal or expulsion, we had, *as the net result*, a membership of 84,220, an actual increase of 26,562, or 46.068 per cent., which largely exceeds the ratio of increase in either of the preceding decades. You may ask where did this large addition to our Church membership come from? What proportion from the Districts severally? What part from this station and that, from this circuit and that? I regret that it is almost impossible to make answer to these questions with assurance of accuracy. The changes in recent years of our Conference territory, the consequent changes of district boundaries, and the frequent—I fear too frequent—changes of circuit lines, would make such a comparative statement, not only quite difficult, but in some respects misleading. I shall not, therefore, attempt it, but will ask your attention to *seven chief cities of Virginia*, where our Church has enjoyed phenomenal prosperity in the ten years embraced in this review, and with respect to which we have data of unquestionable accuracy and reliability.

The statistical reports of November, 1885, show that in the city of Richmond we had eight churches, with a membership of 3,229; that in Manchester we had three churches, with a membership of 639; that in Lynchburg we had four churches, with a membership of 1,339; that in Danville we had three churches, with a membership of 667; that in Petersburg we had six churches, with a membership of 1,796; that in Norfolk we had four churches, with a membership of 1,656; that in Portsmouth we had three churches, with a membership of 1,238: total, thirty-one churches, and a membership of 10,564. Ten years thereafter, viz.: November, 1895, the statistical tables tell us that Richmond had thirteen churches, an increase of five, and a membership of 5,585, an increase of 2,356, or 72.963 per cent.; that Manchester had four churches, an increase of one, and a membership of 1,259, an increase of 620, or within a fraction of 97.026 per cent., just about double; that Lynchburg had seven churches, an increase of three, and a membership of 2,423, an increase of 1,084, or 80.955 per cent.; that Danville had four churches, an increase of one, and a membership of 1,281, an increase of 614, or 92.054 per cent., nearly double; that Petersburg had seven churches, an increase of one, and a membership of 2,305, an increase of 509, or 28.34 per cent.; that Norfolk had ten churches, an increase of six, and a membership of 3,839, an increase of 2,183, or 131.823 per cent., more than double by nearly a third; that Portsmouth had five churches, an increase of two, and a membership of 1,893, an increase of 655, or 52.907 per cent.; total number of churches, fifty, increase nineteen, or 61.290 per cent.; of members, 18,585, increase 8,021, or 75.927 per cent.

It will be observed that Norfolk has by far the largest percentage of increase, and to this growing city of Virginia, justly belongs the banner of Virginia Methodism. But Richmond, where for years Methodism struggled for recognition, as a chief Church in Virginia's beautiful capital, has made the largest net gain, having added 2,356 members in ten years. Manchester stands next to Norfolk in percentage; then comes Danville, the prosperous city by the Dan, which, in our review ten years ago, easily won the banner now given to the city by the sea. Portsmouth has done nobly. The smallest gain has been realized in Petersburg, for years the stronghold of Virginia Methodism. But it should be remembered that Petersburg began the decade with large numbers, and that she is to-day, with respect to numerical strength of the Methodist Church, the third city of the Conference and of the Commonwealth, surpassed only by Richmond and Norfolk.

It is a fact worthy of thought, and full of encouragement to Virginia Methodists, that while the numerical strength of our Conference is in the country and smaller towns and villages, where our itinerant ministry rejoices to preach the Gospel to

vast multitudes, and to win *many, many* souls to the standard of the Cross, they have also great cause of rejoicing because a great door and effectual is opened unto us in the chief centres of our population, civilization and power, where, alas! God's faithful heralds of the truth, as the truth is in Jesus, find many adversaries. Let us devoutly thank Heaven that in the chief cities of Virginia, Southern Methodism is prominent among the mighty forces of the Divine Kingdom, and that her position won by the valor of brave and loyal sons and daughters, gives her the key of the situation to future triumphs in every city and section of the Old Dominion.

II. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Have our ministers been adequately supported? What is the average salary paid in the Virginia Conference? Has there been improvement in this matter in the decade under review? The financial exhibits annually prepared and published by the Joint Board of Finance, enable us to say in reply to these important questions that the sum total reported November, 1895, for the support of our preachers *that year* was \$193,043, as against \$144,709 reported November 1885; increase \$49,334, or 34.091 per cent. The average salary paid was \$865.66, as against \$791 in 1885; increase \$74.69, or 9.438 per cent., in ten years. This very small increase in the average salary is largely referable to the multiplication of suburban stations in our chief cities, and to the division of the large and more wealthy circuits into two or more pastoral charges. Thus while the number of ministers to be supported has largely increased the fields of labor are smaller and the sources of supply are not so numerous.

The average salary paid in the several districts is as follows: Richmond, \$986.38; West Richmond, \$850; Rappahanock, \$628.60; Charlottesville, \$636.30; Lynchburg, \$736.15; Danville, \$700; Farmville, \$691; Petersburg, \$798.50; Portsmouth, \$978; Norfolk, \$1,226; Eastern Shore, \$725.40.

The larger average on the Norfolk District arises chiefly from the fact that it has the largest number of stations in which, as compared with the circuits, assessments for ministerial support are larger and payments seldom show any shortage.

III.

The collections for the great cause of Missions show very gratifying improvement, yet it must be confessed, with sorrow, that they fall far short of our responsibility to God and our obligations to the perishing millions in our own country, as well as in heathen lands. The amount reported November, 1885, was for Domestic Missions, \$6,500; Foreign, \$14,207; total, \$20,707; and November, 1895, Domestic, \$9,671; Foreign, \$25,365; total, \$35,036; increase, \$3,171 for Domestic, and \$11,156 for foreign; total increase, \$14,329, or 69 per cent.

IV. CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

Does any cause possess stronger claims, or appeal more tenderly and powerfully to the hearts of the church, than our historic Conference Collection, for the relief of superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphan children of deceased members of the Conference? I think not. I am happy to add that this monthly collection is on the upgrade. The amount raised as of November, 1885, is \$7,642.61, and as of November, 1895, \$9,723.36—increase, \$2,080.75, or 27.277 per cent.—to which must be added our part of the produce of the Publishing House, of the "Colvin Bequest," and of the "Hall Fund," etc.

V. SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The minutes of the Conference furnish gratifying facts with respect to Sunday-schools. In November, 1885, we had 709 Sunday-schools; 7,741 officers and teachers;

46,960 scholars; 2,588 conversions; \$16,733.06 raised for Sunday-school purposes. In November, 1895, there were 783 schools—increase 74; 8,412 officers and teachers—increase 671; 59,719 scholars—increase 12,759; 2,674 conversions—increase 86; \$21,502.36 collected and expended for Sunday-school purposes—increase \$4,769.30.

VI. CHURCH PROPERTY.

Our church property steadily increases. Our church edifices number 730—increase 41; valued at \$1,803,318—increase \$494,318. Our parsonages number 135—increase 40; valued at \$248,715—increase \$79,065; and other property estimated to be worth \$146,460—increase \$59,080.

Total value of all church property reported November, 1885, \$1,565,837.

Total value of all church property reported November, 1895, \$2,198,113—increase \$632,276, or 40.379 per cent.

Standing as we do this day in the presence of these great results of this decade of Conference history, perhaps the last I shall have the opportunity of reviewing, I beg pardon if you have been worried by the length of this paper. But do not these facts and figures demonstrate the power of Virginia Methodism? Best of all, do they not prove by the irresistible logic of glorious achievements that God is *with* us and *in* us? Unquestionably! And in the words of an ancient seer, with a meaning in them deeper, more reverent and profound than he knew, may we not say, "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is their any divination against Israel; according to the time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, what hath God wrought?" or like Samuel at Mizpeh, here in Conference assembled at Lynchburg, the citadel of Southern Methodism, let us gratefully erect our Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto, the Lord has helped us. And catching the spirit of our departed fathers and brethren, into whose great labors we have entered, let us emulate the wisdom, the zeal, the wholehearted consecration of Early and Smith, of Lee and Doggett, of Duncan and Bennett, and of all the blessed dead, who await our coming on the shining shore and into whose glorious companionship we may soon enter forever and forever!

ALEX. G. BROWN, *Chairman*.

VII.

THE CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD.

REPORT NO. 1.

The Board of Missions has carefully considered the papers referred to it by the Conference, and begs leave to report as follows:

The mission of the Church is to subdue the world unto Jesus Christ. This is its chief business. On its fidelity to this divinely appointed work depends its life. God has no use for a church whose sole aim is simply to maintain itself. To call such an organization a Church of Christ is a misnomer, and a grievous reflection on our Great Head. As well might we mistake the image of a man, fashioned of snow, for the man himself. Such an organization, though claiming to be a church, may expect to die; and it ought to die; and the sooner the better for the world. If we of the M. E. Church, South, we of the Virginia Conference, we of the several districts, circuits, stations, missions, we as individual members, feel no interest and take no part in this movement to save the world, we may expect to be set aside and others substituted in our place whom the Lord can use. God will use us, but as an example of His displeasure. That, as a church, we are not entirely indifferent to this work, is evidenced by the fact that we contributed during the last fiscal year 15½ cents per capita for Foreign Missions, and 9 cents per capita for Domestic Missions. As a Conference, we contributed 19 cents per capita for the former and 11 cents for the latter. We dare not despise the day of small things, or undervalue the smallest token of love for Christ and His cause. But that such a contribution is a fair exponent of the ability of the Church we cannot believe. Nor can we believe that it is an adequate measure of the love of our people for Jesus Christ.

An important, practical question is, How can our contributions be so increased that they will fairly represent our ability and give more adequate expression to our love?

Our general secretaries offer some suggestions which, if put into practical operation, will be found eminently helpful. They fail, however, to emphasize that which we believe to be of first importance. They are very charitable towards us pastors, in that they seem to take it for granted that we are in little need of exhortation—that we are full of missionary zeal, and that all that is needful is to suggest ways and means to awaken a like zeal in our people. On the contrary, we fear that one chief difficulty is to be found in our lack of zeal. As a rule missionary pastors will make missionary people. Our reports every year furnish illustrations of this rule. The truth is, we all need the fire of Pentecost on our heads and in our hearts to dissipate our doubts, silence our fears, burn away all selfish indifference, and melt, subdue and transform us more completely into the image of our ascended Lord. We have need to drink more deeply into His spirit—to be

brought into deeper sympathy with Him in His great purpose and plan of redeeming love. A ministry baptized with the Holy Ghost will not be afraid to tell men their duty and their privilege in this matter. Instead of presenting the cause in a sort of deprecating, apologetic tone, which conveys the impression that it would not be mentioned did not the law require it; such a ministry will speak with the boldness and authority of a "thus saith the Lord." It will not plead the poverty of the people as an excuse for their delinquency, an excuse, by the way, which we fear is sometimes only the preacher's apology to his own conscience for his indifference and neglect. Poverty cannot exempt any one from interest in the work of Christ and effort to promote it. The Master's eulogium of the poor widow and Paul's commendation of the churches of Macedonia, whose "deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality," ought to be a sufficient answer to the plea of poverty, and will be a sufficient inspiration to a ministry baptized with the Spirit of Christ to lay this great interest upon the consciences and hearts of men, whatever their condition in life.

We offer for consideration and adoption by the Conference the following resolutions:

1. That we urge our pastors to endeavor to secure a contribution for the cause of missions from every member of their respective charges.
2. That they preach on the subject of missions in every congregation, and reinforce their sermons as far as possible by the dissemination of our missionary literature among the people.
3. That the collections for this cause be taken early in the year. We suggest the month of May as probably most favorable to success, especially in our country work.
4. That we comply wherever practicable with the disciplinary provision for the organization of our Sunday-schools into missionary societies, and the holding of a missionary mass meeting in every charge.

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman.*

REPORT NO. 2.

It is impossible to over-estimate the importance and magnitude of the missionary work. The commands of our divine Lord, with respect to the universal propagation of His gospel, are too positive and explicit to admit of any doubt as to the duty of the Church in this direction. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" still constitutes the marching orders of our ascended and glorified Christ, and the church that ignores those orders is guilty of disobedience and disloyalty to the Son of God. Those who have the mind which was in Christ can but feel and manifest genuine and deep concern for the salvation of others. Those who profess to believe the gospel, and to be guided by its teachings, can but recognize the claims and needs of every nation under heaven who are without that gospel. That which was intended for all the world, and which is adapted to all the world, and which is the one imperative need of all the world, cannot be consistently withheld by the Church. It has pleased God to intrust the gospel to the Church, and the responsibility thus devolved upon her is great. How earnestly and faithfully therefore should she endeavor to meet the responsibility! The Church must affirm her power of the gospel to save all who are accursed by sin. She must emphasize the truth, that it is the "power of God

unto salvation unto every one that believeth," and that it is "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations; and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringeth into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

We may expect marvelous and permanent results wherever this divine gospel is faithfully preached. The readiness of the nations of the world to receive the gospel should inspire the Church with confidence and courage. The Macedonian cry is being heard from all directions, and the Church should promptly and cheerfully respond to that cry. The prospect for growth in our own mission fields were never so bright and promising. Let us, therefore, exert ourselves to the utmost in this period of golden opportunity and exalted privilege. We urge our pastors to give their respective congregations information and exhortation on this vital subject, and thus quicken the missionary conscience and stimulate missionary zeal.

The Board has had under careful review the Domestic Missions of the Conference, and reports very gratifying progress in this laudable and needful work. Crewe, Asbury (Richmond), Fairmont Avenue (Richmond), and Fifth Street (Manchester), are now self-supporting, and others will become so in a few years. The Board has helped sixty-five charges—over one-fourth of the entire number in the Conference—and it has tried earnestly to make wise and judicious appropriations. It fully recognizes the needs of the work, and of those who do that work, and is anxious to respond to both.

The noble and consecrated women of the Church are still prosecuting their work for missions with commendable interest and fidelity, and God is blessing their labors. The Rosebuds are also working with efficiency and success, and the great Head of the Church is attesting the worth of this army of little workers in His cause. The collections, considering the stringency of the times and the general depression which has prevailed, are most encouraging. The total amount raised for Foreign Missions this year is \$15,902.58; for Domestic Missions, \$9,517.95; by the Woman's Missionary Societies, \$5,976.14; by the Rosebuds, \$3,853.08. Grand total, \$25,249.75. The Board makes an assessment of \$13,500 for the ensuing year. The General Board of Missions makes an assessment of \$22,800 for Foreign Missions. The Board will pay 95 per cent. on the appropriations for the past year

L. B. BETTY, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges.....	\$ 15,803 25
One-half of collection at missionary anniversary.....	31 47
From Sunday-school, Scottsville Circuit, Charlottesville District.....	5 76
From donation through Dr. Garrett Anderson.....	52 46
From "a preacher".....	10 00
	<u>\$15,902 94</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remittances to T. B. Holt, Treasurer General Mission Board as follows:

1896.

Apl. 17—W. A. Tompkins, Floyd-Street, Danville.....	\$ 5 00
May 25—E. M. Peterson, Hampton.....	80 96
30—H. C. Cheatham, Suffolk.....	224 00
June 8—C. R. James, Heathsville.....	15 00
12—W. W. Lear, Central, Manchester.....	90 00
25—N. J. Pruden, Fluvanna.....	30 00
July 21—John O. Moss, Cumberland.....	29 95
29—W. W. Royall, South Princess Anne.....	50 00
30—L. B. Betty, Monumental.....	50 00
30—John Victor, Tr. Memorial, Lynchburg.....	450 00
Aug. 20—B. S. Herrink, East Franklin.....	16 81
Sept. 25—J. M. Burton, Lunenburg.....	140 00
Oct. 12—C. R. James, Heathsville.....	40 00
Total..	<u>\$ 1,221 72</u>
July 13—R. N. Sledd, President Conference Board of Missions.....	435 13
Nov. 18—W. W. Vicar, Treasurer, balance.....	14,246 09
	<u>\$15,902 94</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

II. DOMESTIC MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Conference.....	\$ 4,252 97
From pastoral charges.....	9,435 13
One-half of collection at missionary anniversary.....	31 47
Collection at Norfolk District Conference.....	46 35
From "a preacher".....	5 00
	<u>\$13,770 92</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For postage, stationery and draft book.....	\$ 9 49
Appropriations as follows:	
W. T. Williams, Denny-Street.....	95 00
J. O. Babcock, Fifth-Street.....	71 25
W. E. Bullard, Charles City.....	95 00
W. B. Beauchamp, St. James.....	237 50
R. H. Mullen, West New Kent.....	190 00
J. H. Moss, West Point.....	142 50
W. F. Davis, Williamsburg.....	237 50
R. B. Beadles, Henrico.....	95 00
W. A. Christian, Asbury.....	142 50

J. E. McSparran, West Goochland.....	142 50
J. W. Heckman, King William.....	71 25
T. Burton, Goochland.....	47 50
John A. Smith and widow, Goochland.....	47 50
L. J. Phaup, West Chesterfield.....	190 00
S. C. Hatcher, Barton Heights.....	47 50
E. P. Dahl, Powhatan.....	95 00
J. N. Latham, Highland Park.....	95 00
C. H. Williams, Spottsylvania.....	142 50
R. T. Waterfield, Bowling Green.....	142 50
J. P. Woodward, King & Queen.....	95 00
W. G. Bates, King George.....	47 50
Paul Bradley, Gordonsville.....	190 00
B. F. Smith, Milton.....	142 50
R. G. James, Woodville.....	118 75
J. T. Meadows, Buffalo Ridge.....	95 00
L. T. Williams, Trinity (Lynchburg).....	190 00
Porter Hardy, Madison.....	237 50
C. T. Gibbs, Staunton River.....	118 75
D. W. Reid, North Bedford.....	47 50
P. H. Clements, South View.....	142 50
W. A. Tompkins, Floyd-Street.....	142 50
G. W. Dyer, Cabell-Street.....	237 50
J. E. Oyler, Meadows of Dan.....	142 50
B. P. Hylton, Meadows of Dan.....	142 50
C. E. Blankenship, West Franklin.....	95 00
W. T. A. Haynes, East Halifax.....	118 75
S. R. Drewry, Pittsylvania.....	118 75
J. G. Bailey, South Staunton.....	95 00
H. F. B. Martin, Patrick.....	95 00
A. L. Carson, North Pittsylvania.....	95 00
A. L. Franklin, West Lunenburg.....	95 00
R. F. Gayle, Crewe.....	95 00
J. W. Baker, Clarksville.....	95 00
T. P. Duke, South of Dan.....	118 75
O. L. Martin, Hyco.....	118 75
E. V. Carson, Amelia.....	118 75
J. M. Anderson, Blackstone and Nottoway C. H.....	213 75
McDaniel Rucker, Ettrick.....	142 50
R. E. Barrett, Blandford.....	190 00
L. C. Shearer, West-Street.....	142 50
R. E. Bentley, Matoaca.....	142 50
J. B. Askew, Surry.....	95 00
J. W. Carroll, Wesley.....	237 50
J. K. Jolliff, Effingham-Street.....	285 00
D. B. Austin, East Suffolk and Magnolia.....	285 00
S. S. Lambeth, Churchland and West Norfolk.....	190 00
J. T. Routten, Lekies Memorial.....	285 00
J. G. Lennon, Huntersville.....	285 00
E. A. Potts, Liberty-Street.....	237 50
T. J. Wray, Ebenezer and Lynnhaven.....	142 50
W. G. Boggs, Lambert's Point.....	47 50
Asa Driscoll, Cape Charles.....	237 50
G. E. B. Smith, Cobb's Island.....	190 00
J. D. Hosier, Hooper's Island.....	190 00
G. W. Jones, Accomac C. H.....	142 50
A. A. Jones, Dorchester.....	95 00
E. F. Garner, Accomac.....	47 50
Total.....	\$9,509 49
Balance in hands of R. N. Sledd, Chairman.....	4,261 43
	<u>\$13,770 92</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

ROSEBUD MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1895-'96.

RECEIPTS.

From November 7, 1895, to November 7, 1896, inclusive:

Dues—

Richmond District.....	\$264 27	
West Richmond District.....	237 12	
Rappahannock District.....	299 46	
Charlottesville District.....	152 16	
Lynchburg District.....	182 68	
Danville District.....	162 33	
Farmville District.....	165 87	
Petersburg District.....	175 52	
Portsmouth District.....	245 77	
Norfolk District.....	319 92	
Eastern Shore District.....	167 95	
	<hr/>	\$2,373 05
Monterey Improvement Fund.....	\$ 359 95	
Cottage Fund.....	1,106 57	
Interest allowed on deposits.....	13 51	
	<hr/>	\$1,480 03
Total receipts for the year.....		\$3,853 08
Cash in bank and on hand November 7, 1895.....		931 73
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Grand total.....		\$4,784 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

From November 7, 1895, to November 7, 1896, inclusive:

INSTITUTE LAURENS—

Salary Principal.....	\$1,200 00	
Salaries teachers.....	600 00	
Desks and school supplies.....	727 47	
	<hr/>	\$2,527 47

HOME OFFICE—

Salary General Secretary and assistants.....	\$ 300 00	
1,000 Life Membership Certificates.....	49 00	
2,000 copies Rosebud Constitution.....	10 75	
Bar-lock typewriter.....	100 00	
Stationery, printing, and postage.....	72 90	
Expenses Rosebud rally, \$93.25, less collection, \$48.28.....	44 97	
	<hr/>	\$ 577 62

COTTAGE PLAN—

Printing and distributing 32,000 "Rosebud Supplements,"	\$ 97 50	
Mite boxes.....	76 02	
Stationery, printing, and postage.....	23 30	
	<hr/>	\$ 196 82
Cash in bank and on hand November 7, 1896.....		1,482 90
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Grand total.....		\$4,784 81

New societies organized.....	47
Life memberships.....	103

FRANK L. KERNS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896-'97.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—

Denny-Street.....	\$ 150 00	
St. James.....	250 00	
Charles City.....	100 00	
West New Kent.....	150 00	
Chickahominy.....	100 00	
West Point.....	150 00	
Williamsburg.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,100 00

WEST RICHMOND DISTRICT—

Barton Heights.....	50 00	
Highland Park.....	150 00	
Goochland.....	100 00	
West Goochland.....	200 00	
East Louisa.....	100 00	
King William.....	125 00	
Powhatan.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	875 00

RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT—

Spottsylvania.....	150 00	
Bowling Green.....	200 00	
King & Queen.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	450 00

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—

Gordonsville.....	200 00	
Milton.....	250 00	
Woodville.....	175 00	
	<hr/>	625 00

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—

Trinity.....	200 00	
Madison.....	225 00	
Staunton River.....	150 00	
South View.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	775 00

DANVILLE DISTRICT—

Floyd-Street.....	250 00	
Cabell-Street.....	150 00	
Riverside.....	150 00	
Pittsylvania.....	150 00	
North Pittsylvania.....	100 00	
West Franklin.....	125 00	
Middle Franklin.....	100 00	
East Halifax.....	125 00	
Patrick.....	150 00	
Meadows of Dan.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	1,600 00

FARMVILLE DISTRICT—

West Lunenburg.....	150 00	
Clarksville.....	100 00	
South of Dan.....	125 00	
Hyco	125 00	
Blackstone.....	225 00	
Amelia.....	100 00	
		<u>825 00</u>

PETERSBURG DISTRICT—

Ettrick.....	150 00	
Blandford	200 00	
Wesley	150 00	
West-Street	100 00	
Matoaca.....	100 00	
Nottoway.....	200 00	
		<u>900 00</u>

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT—

East Suffolk and Magnolia.....	300 00	
Owens Memorial.....	300 00	
Ebenezer	100 00	
Whaleyville and Somerton.....	100 00	
		<u>800 00</u>

NORFOLK DISTRICT—

Lekies Memorial.....	100 00	
Huntersville	150 00	
Liberty-Street.....	300 00	
Lambert's Point.....	100 00	
Oaklette and Gilmerton.	100 00	
Ebenezer and Lynnhaven.....	150 00	
		<u>900 00</u>

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—

Cape Charles.....	250 00	
Hog Island.....	150 00	
Hooper's Island.....	200 00	
Accomac Courthouse.....	100 00	
Guilford	100 00	
Cobb's Island	50 00	
Accomac.....	50 00	
Dorchester	50 00	
		<u>950 00</u>

Grand total.....\$9,800 00

L. B. BETTY, *Secretary.*

VIII.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Reserved Fund of last year.....	\$ 541 64	
From pastoral charges.....	9,464 16	
“ Publishing house, Colvin bequest.....	28 00	
“ Publishing house, dividend.....	1,210 00	
“ Trustees “Hall Fund,” interest.....	146 00	
“ Sale of Conference Annual.....	311 45	
“ Advertisements in Conference Annual.....	46 00	
“ “A preacher”.....	5 00	
		<hr/> \$11,752 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. W. Fergusson & Son for printing 2,000 copies Conference Annual.....	\$ 363 05
“ B. F. Lipscomb, travelling expenses, postage, expressage, etc.....	68 43
“ A. G. Brown, chairman, for blanks, postage, etc.....	9 75
“ B. F. Lipscomb and Jas. Cannon, Jr., secretaries, as per order of Conference.....	100 00
“ Incidental expenses.....	19 53
	<hr/> \$ 560 76

Appropriations as follows :

Rev. J. McClelland and wife.....	\$200 00
Mrs. J. B. Laurens.....	75 00
Rev. R. N. Crooks and wife.....	200 00
“ A. M. Hall and wife.....	300 00
“ J. J. Edwards.....	75 00
“ James A. Riddick.....	100 00
“ W. A. Crocker and wife.....	200 00
“ J. B. Dey.....	150 00
Mrs. J. B. Dey.....	150 00
Rev. J. H. Bacon and wife.....	200 00
“ J. R. Waggener.....	150 00
Mrs. E. P. Wilson.....	100 00
Rev. W. A. Robinson and wife.....	100 00
“ J. F. Brannin and wife.....	300 00
“ D. M. Wallace, wife and child.....	225 00
“ T. J. Bayton.....	150 00
Mrs. F. J. Boggs and child.....	140 00
Rev. T. P. Wise and wife.....	200 00
Mrs. T. M. Beckham.....	150 00

Rev.	E. M. Jordan, wife and one child.....	340 00	
"	L. S. Reed.....	100 00	
"	Jacob Manning.....	150 00	
"	J. L. Clarke.....	150 00	
"	J. E. Gates and wife.....	150 00	
Miss	Mary Rosser.....	100 00	
Mrs.	J. M. Arnold.....	100 00	
"	J. E. Edwards.....	150 00	
"	F. A. Davis.....	150 00	
"	J. N. Jones.....	100 00	
"	W. W. Bennett.....	100 00	
"	J. W. Childs.....	150 00	
"	W. I. Hunter.....	150 00	
"	B. H. Johnson.....	100 00	
"	John Bayley.....	100 00	
"	George N. Guy.....	100 00	
"	Thomas Diggs and one child.....	125 00	
"	C. H. Hall.....	150 00	
"	B. F. Tenneille and four children.....	215 00	
"	G. M. Wright and three children.....	205 00	
"	J. D. Blackwell.....	100 00	
"	E. H. Pritchett.....	150 00	
"	W. G. Williams.....	50 00	
"	M. F. Slaughter.....	100 00	
"	J. H. Patteson and two children.....	165 00	
"	J. W. Blincoe and two children.....	165 00	
"	J. F. Twitty and five children.....	255 00	
"	J. H. Dalby and three children.....	190 00	
"	Joseph Lear.....	150 00	
"	J. W. Compton and five children.....	225 00	
"	J. H. Crown.....	100 00	
"	J. G. Rowe.....	100 00	
"	E. N. S. Blogg.....	150 00	
"	J. C. Garlick.....	75 00	
"	B. C. Spiller.....	100 00	
"	Robert Michaels and child.....	175 00	
"	M. C. Pearce.....	75 00	
"	Alex. Stewart.....	100 00	
"	J. A. Duncan.....	100 00	
"	Lloyd Moore.....	100 00	
"	T. H. Boggs.....	100 00	
"	J. W. Tucker and four children.....	225 00	
"	P. A. Peterson.....	75 00	
"	J. D. Southall.....	100 00	
Miss	Lizzie Hodges.....	25 00	
"	Ella Gibson.....	40 00	
"	Jennie Patteson.....	40 00	
Son of	H. H. Gary.....	40 00	
Mrs.	J. H. Pike and three children.....	225 00	
Rev.	J. W. Crider and wife.....	300 00	
"	W. F. Bain.....	150 00	
"	W. H. Christian and wife.....	125 00	
Funeral expenses of	Rev. W. H. Christian...	50 00	
Mrs.	J. W. Hildrup and three children.....	175 00	
"	S. W. Eason and child.....	125 00	
"	J. C. Martin and two children.....	165 00	
"	W. E. Payne and two children.....	165 00	
"	W. F. Robins.....	100 00	
			\$10,900 00
Balance in hands of	Rev. A. G. Brown, Chairman Joint		
Board of Finance.....		291 49	
			<u>\$11,752 25</u>
W. W. VICAR, Treasurer.			

II. BISHOP'S FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges.....	\$2,747 09	
" "A preacher".....	3 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,750 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Barbee & Smith, agents for Publishing House.....	\$2,750 09
W. W. VICAR, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

III. EDUCATIONAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges.....	\$2,684 14	
" "A preacher".....	3 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,687 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid A. M. Hughlett, treasurer Conference Board of Education	\$ 374 95	
“ Rev. R. J. Bigham, secretary, for Paine and Lane Institute.....	124 98	
“ Richard Irby, secretary and treasurer Randolph-Macon College.....	2,187 21	
	<u> </u>	\$2,687 14
		W. W. VICAR, <i>Treasurer.</i>

IV. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Conference	\$ 3 92	
From pastoral charges.....	3,367 24	
" Unused appropriation to Stateville Church, Chatham circuit (1893).....	71 55	
" "A preacher".....	2 00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,444 71

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriations as follows:

Contributions as follows	
M. H. Bledsoe, Beaver Dam church, West Richmond District.....	\$ 100 00
W. A. Carter, Joppa church, Danville District.....	100 00
E. K. Carter, St. John's Church, Danville District.....	50 00
J. B. Winn, Watson Memorial Church, Danville Dis't...	200 00
W. G. Bates, Fletcher's Church, Rappahanock District,	28 45
W. G. Bates, Fletcher's, 1893 unused appropriation.....	71 55
T. G. Pullen, Boons' Mill Church, Danville District.....	100 00
Wm. A. White, Bethel Church, Norfolk District.....	125 00
J. W. Brannin, Providence Church, Charlottesville Dis- trict.....	75 00
C. P. Armistead, Williamsburg Church, Richmond Dis- trict.....	200 00
D. W. Reed, Boonsboro' Church, Lynchburg District...	75 00
Paul Bradley, Mt. Horeb Church, Charlottesville Dis't.	200 00
W. L. Thornton, St. James Church, Danville District...	271 55
R. T. Waterfield, Hopewell Church, Rappahannock District.....	75 00
J. E. McSparran, Oak Grove Church, West Richmond District.....	75 00
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	\$1,746 55
Printing, postage, etc.....	4 75
Rev. David Morton, D. D., Secretary of Church Exten- sion Board, Louisville, Ky., one-half of \$3,369.24.	1,684 62
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	\$3,435 92
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	<hr/>
	\$ 8 79

V. GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges..... \$1 003 41

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

VI. CHILDREN'S DAY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges..... \$1,284 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rev. R. J. Bigham, Secretary for General Conference
 Sunday-school Board..... \$ 128 45
 " A. M. Hughlett, Treasurer Annual Conference Board of
 Education..... 128 45
 " Rev. T. J. Taylor, Treasurer Virginia Conference Sun-
 day-school Board..... 1,027 59
1,284 49

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

VII. BIBLE SOCIETY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges..... \$ 483 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remittances to Rev. W. A. Campbell, Secretary, &c., Bible Society of
 Virginia, as follows :

1895.

Dec. 22—Centenary church, Richmond..... \$ 16 41

1896.

Mar. 23—West New Kent circuit..... 2 50

30—Bedford City..... 1 00

Apl. 17—Churchland and West Norfolk..... 11 30

29—South Princess Anne..... 10 00

May 1—Fifth-Street, Manchester..... 1 25

19—Trinity Sunday-school, York..... 2 31

24—Suffolk..... 16 26

25—Hortown Sunday-school, Atlantic circuit..... 1 91

25—Pocomoke Sunday-school, Atlantic circuit..... 2 70

25—Downings Sunday-school, Atlantic circuit..... 2 86

26—Heathsville..... 8 55

Aug. 28—Crewe..... 3 56

Sept. 15—Centenary, Lynchburg..... 2 66

Oct. 8—Calvary, Danville..... 6 78

17—Newport News..... 8 74

23—Crewe..... 2 50

Nov. 25—W. W. Vicar, Treasurer, to balance..... 382 35

\$483 64

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1896-'97.

DISTRICTS.	Percentage.	Conference Claimants.	Bishop's Fund.	Educational Fund.	Church Extension.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	General Con. Expenses.*	Annual Con. Expenses.	Totals.
Richmond.....	11	\$ 1,430	\$ 407	\$ 473	\$ 627	\$ 1,485	\$ 2,508	\$ 205	\$ 132	\$ 7,267
West Richmond.....	9½	1,235	351	409	542	1,283	2,166	81	114	6,181
Rappahannock.....	6	780	222	258	342	810	1,368	72	72	3,924
Charlottesville.....	8	1,040	296	344	456	1,080	1,824	132	96	5,268
Lynchburg.....	9	1,170	333	387	513	1,215	2,052	92	108	5,870
Danville.....	9	1,170	333	387	513	1,215	2,052	108	108	5,886
Farmville.....	8½	1,105	314	366	484	1,148	1,938	130	102	5,587
Petersburg.....	9½	1,235	352	408	541	1,282	2,166	126	114	6,224
Portsmouth.....	10½	1,365	389	451	599	1,417	2,394	142	126	6,883
Norfolk.....	11	1,430	407	473	627	1,485	2,508	79	132	7,141
Eastern Shore.....	8	1,040	296	344	456	1,080	1,824	130	96	5,266
Totals.....	100	\$13,000	\$ 3,700	\$ 4,300	\$ 5,700	\$13,500	\$22,800	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,200	\$ 65,497

*The figures in this column represent the balances due upon the assessments of last year.

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.					MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
			PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
Richmond District...	A. G. Brown, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Broad Street.....	Wm. G. Starr.....	35 90	285 00	285 00	2500 00	2500 00	.....	200 00	.....	225 08	.....	140 00	20 00
2. Trinity.....	J. T. Mastin.....	13 50	156 00	156 00	1700 00	1700 00	.....	100 00	.....	100 00	.....	72 50	8 74
3. Union Station and Chickahominy Miss.	G. C. Vanderslice & W. P. Constable	.....	212 00	212 00	1900 00	1950 00	.....	100 00	.....	113 67	.....	80 62	42 10
4. St. James.....	W. B. Beauchamp,	16 50	26 00	26 00	750 00	750 00	.....	21 00	20 30	35 00	.....	24 85	.....
5. Denny Street.....	W. T. Williams.....	.....	49 00	49 00	650 00	655 00	.....	15 00	8 50	16 25	8 75	.....	.....
6. Fairmont Avenue.....	R. F. Beadles.....	16 00	54 00	54 00	1000 00	1000 00	.....	44 00	.....	69 50	.....	22 25	18 36
7. Central—Manchester..	W. W. Lear.....	.....	150 00	150 00	1700 00	1700 00	.....	81 97	.....	180 13	23 72	112 00	31 61
8. Fifth Street, “	J. O. Babcock.....	18 50	64 00	64 00	920 00	920 00	.....	30 00	.....	40 00	.....	7 40	18 12
9. West End and Asbury—Manchester.	J. W. Stiff and W. A. Laughon,	.....	47 00	47 00	1300 30	1300 00	.....	19 00	20 00	38 00	26 00	26 00	.....
10. Henrico.....	R. B. Beadles.....	.....	63 00	59 81	530 00	503 19	30 00	30 00	.....	20 29	19 74	25 70	21 60
11. Charles City	W. E. Bullard.....	.....	52 00	41 47	463 00	379 38	94 15	18 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	15 33
12. New Kent.....	L. L. Banks.....	.....	49 00	49 00	400 00	400 00	.....	40 00	.....	67 00	.....	.....	.....
13. West New Kent.....	R. H. Mullen.....	.....	52 00	34 40	450 00	297 90	169 70	15 50	.....	10 00	.....	.....	3 39
14. West Point.....	Jas. H. Moss and J. C. Granbery, Jr.	.....	66 00	47 20	550 00	393 25	175 55	10 76	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....
15. East King & Queen ..	T. O. Edwards.....	2 00	54 00	50 09	700 00	649 42	54 49	25 00	.....	02 65	3 00	.....	5 00
16. Gloucester	J. E. Potts and E. J. Potts,	6 00	115 00	115 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	41 61	.....	92 21	.....	20 00	100 00
17. Gloucester Point	Jas. O. Moss	9 00	53 00	53 00	766 00	766 00	.....	11 62	3 38	10 00	15 00	.....	.....
18. Williamsburg	W. F. Davis.....	.....	22 00	22 00	350 00	358 25	.....	12 00	6 00	25 00	6 00	.....	14 82
19. York	C. E. Hobday.....	.....	137 00	137 00	850 00	850 00	.....	62 85	.....	62 85	.....	63 60	.....
20. Newport News.....	Geo. W. Wray.....	25 00	94 00	94 00	1700 00	1700 00	.....	86 00	.....	129 00	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1896	142 40	1800 00	1745 97	20279 00	19872 39	460 64	964 31	58 18	1316 63	102 21	594 92	299 07
	Totals for 1895	188 72	1650 00	1614 18	19432 00	19099 55	368 27	1006 00	68 88	1678 72	97 11	520 04	364 43
	Increase .....	.....	150 00	131 79	847 00	772 84	92 37	.....	.....	.....	5 10	74 88	.....
	Decrease	46 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 69	10 70	332 09	.....	.....	65 36

RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Broad Street.....	\$227 00	\$ 227 00	\$ 66 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 75 00	\$ 12 39	\$ 99 00	\$ 10 00	\$.....	\$ 10 00	\$12 50	\$25 00	\$ 534 50	\$.....	\$1726 12	\$ 6013 49	\$12 06	1	31	363	40
2. Trinity.....	124 00	124 00	36 00	36 00	41 00	41 00	54 00	54 00	.....	19 00	4 50	.....	225 56	1108 19	1052 28	4815 27	9 46	1	62	275	7
3. Union Station and Chickahominy Miss.	169 00	71 60	49 00	28 00	56 00	16 00	74 00	16 00	.....	10 00	8 93	1 00	727 55	2340 25	123 28	5841 00	5 13	5	139	955	104
4. St. James.....	20 00	20 00	6 00	6 00	7 00	7 00	9 00	9 00	4 00	3 00	2 71	.....	126 32	35 74	728 64	1836 06	6 70	1	27	239	30
5. Denny Street.....	39 00	20 00	11 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	17 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	5 50	1 00	237 58	302 90	331 24	1684 72	4 84	1	32	345	44
6. Fairmont Avenue.....	43 00	43 00	13 00	13 00	14 00	14 00	19 00	19 00	.....	7 00	3 25	.....	112 70	678 43	339 27	2453 76	8 82	1	31	240	33
7. Central—Manchester,	119 00	119 00	35 00	35 00	39 00	39 00	52 00	52 00	11 00	18 00	9 58	.....	326 55	281 30	336 13	3506 99	7 08	2	51	347	15
8. Fifth Street, “	51 00	51 00	15 00	15 00	17 00	17 00	22 00	22 00	9 00	8 00	4 14	1 25	412 05	475 85	300 75	2414 06	6 15	1	34	300	75
9. West End and Asbury—Manchester	37 00	37 00	11 00	11 00	12 00	12 00	16 00	16 00	7 00	6 00	7 78	3 27	253 68	35 00	699 82	2564 55	6 33	2	43	327	11
10. Henrico.....	50 00	37 00	15 00	8 00	16 00	4 00	22 00	4 00	.....	5 00	14 21	1 00	47 14	25 00	75 25	900 93	2 61	3	28	217	16
11. Charles City.....	41 00	22 00	12 00	6 00	14 00	6 00	18 00	9 00	3 00	3 00	.....	1 00	16 25	117 55	37 00	704 98	3 16	4	25	148	3
12. New Kent.....	39 00	39 00	11 00	5 00	13 00	6 00	17 00	6 83	2 00	1 00	11 44	.....	35 00	150 00	146 00	958 27	3 45	4	37	160	12
13. West New Kent.....	41 00	12 00	12 00	4 25	14 00	3 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	4 70	2 50	40 00	50 00	58 00	535 64	2 39	3	32	120	.....
14. West Point.....	.....	6 16	.....	2 20	.....	3 26	.....	3 62	.....	.....	2 70	.....	29 57	123 00	102 45	744 17	4 93	1	12	78	.....
15. East King & Queen...	43 00	43 00	13 00	13 00	14 00	8 00	19 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	16 25	1 00	34 13	108 77	242 42	1281 73	3 48	4	45	260	4
16. Gloucester.....	91 00	25 00	27 00	10 00	30 00	5 00	40 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	9 74	4 09	126 50	347 69	360 28	2383 12	2 96	7	85	400	60
17. Gloucester Point.....	42 00	15 00	12 00	3 00	14 00	4 00	19 00	5 00	.....	3 00	6 00	.....	49 07	208 13	74 91	1236 11	2 82	3	48	307	1
18. Williamsburg.....	18 00	18 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	8 00	8 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	31 76	200 00	155 78	871 61	5 85	1	13	85	.....
19. York.....	109 00	18 00	32 00	12 00	36 00	4 00	48 00	6 00	.....	6 00	13 19	2 31	300 94	.....	106 94	1645 68	1 69	4	109	866	.....
20. Newport News.....	75 00	75 00	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	33 00	33 00	.....	11 00	3 93	8 74	344 75	277 00	591 78	3425 50	9 04	2	41	411	15
Totals for 1896.....	1430 00	1022 76	418 00	292 45	473 00	242 65	627 00	303 45	48 00	125 00	141 05	52 16	4011 60	6864 80	7587 64	45817 64	5 30	51	925	6443	470
Totals for 1895.....	1430 00	1031 25	396 00	292 00	550 00	318 50	550 00	327 12	.....	161 36	174 20	76 28	4579 02	7854 04	9093 54	48544 94	5 90	51	915	6313	279
Increase.....	.....	.....	22 00	45	.....	.....	77 00	.....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	272 70	.....	.....	10	130	191
Decrease.....	.....	8 49	.....	.....	77 00	75 85	.....	23 67	.....	36 36	33 15	24 12	567 42	989 24	1505 90	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....

RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.	
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certif- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- draw'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.								
1. Broad Steet.....		7	14	476	.....	476	424	52	.....	41	70	111	12	47	.....	59	1	100	1	\$50000 00	.....	.....	\$ 500 00	
2. Trinity.....		5	5	509	.....	509	509	.....	.....	15	24	39	8	30	1	.....	39	1	100	1	30000 00	1	\$3000 00	2500 00
3. Union Station and Chickahominy Miss	5	38	9	1138	.....	1138	1012	126	.....	113	51	164	22	15	1	.....	38	3	317	4	32200 00	1	3000 00	1100 00
4. St. James.....	1	18	1	273	1	274	222	52	.....	32	36	68	3	13	.....	16	2	192	1	11000 00	.....	.....	250 00	
5. Denny Street.....		31	8	348	.....	348	278	70	.....	64	28	92	6	8	8	.....	22	1	70	1	4750 00	.....	.....	150 00
6. Fairmont Avenue.....		10	1	278	.....	278	243	35	.....	21	26	47	1	9	1	1	12	1	52	1	7500 00	1	2000 00	900 00
7. Central—Manchester,		17	4	495	.....	495	524	.....	29	24	12	36	11	49	5	.....	65	2	116	1	10000 00	1	1500 00	2600 00
8. Fifth Street, “	1	65	36	393	.....	393	306	87	.....	110	16	126	6	29	4	.....	39	.....	.....	1	3000 00	1	1500 00	1000 00
9. West End and Asbury—Manchester,	1	9	6	405	.....	405	429	.....	24	24	9	33	8	95	12	.....	115	4	264	2	5700 00	.....	.....	300 00
10. Henrico.....	1	19	7	345	.....	345	423	.....	78	23	7	30	5	97	6	.....	108	.....	.....	3	4800 00	1	1200 00	800 00
11. Charles City.....		3	4	221	2	223	225	.....	2	5	2	7	8	1	.....	9	.....	.....	4	4000 00	.....	.....	1000 00	
12. New Kent.....		16	19	278	.....	278	251	27	.....	22	14	36	3	2	.....	4	9	.....	.....	5	3500 00	.....	.....	.....
13. West New Kent.....		5	2	222	2	224	227	.....	3	8	.....	8	3	8	.....	11	.....	.....	4	3200 00	1	1000 00	200 00	
14. West Point.....		4	3	151	.....	151	169	.....	18	4	1	5	3	19	1	.....	23	2	63	1	7500 00	.....	.....	.....
15. East King & Queen...		3	.....	368	.....	368	399	.....	31	6	.....	6	7	9	21	.....	37	.....	.....	4	3750 00	.....	.....	515 00
16. Gloucester.....		27	14	804	.....	804	775	29	.....	55	3	58	15	14	.....	29	.....	.....	6	4000 00	1	600 00	500 00	
17. Gloucester Point.....	2	.....	.....	437	1	438	454	.....	16	1	.....	1	5	8	4	.....	17	1	35	3	2700 00	1	1500 00	500 00
18. Williamsburg.....		1	1	149	.....	149	156	.....	7	1	.....	1	4	4	.....	8	.....	.....	2	4400 00	.....	.....	250 00	
19. York	5	10	52	974	1	975	920	55	.....	77	20	97	9	31	2	.....	42	.....	.....	5	7500 00	1	1400 00	450 00
20. Newport News.....		8	7	379	.....	379	288	91	.....	19	81	100	1	8	.....	9	1	75	2	5000 00	.....	.....	17400 00	
Totals for 1896.....	16	296	193	8643	7	8650	8234	416	.....	665	400	1065	140	496	66	5	707	19	1384	52	204500 00	10	16700 00	30915 00
Totals for 1895.....	11	263	140	8227	7	8234	8013	221	.....	620	503	1123	108	663	131	.....	902	14	982	52	204400 00	9	14200 00	29640 00
Increase.....	5	33	53	416	416	221	45	32	5	5	402	100 00	1	2500 00	275 00	
Decrease.....											103	58	167	65	195								

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.					MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
			PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
West Richmond Dis.	P. Whitehead, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Centenary.....	W. V. Tudor and E. L. Pell,	41 75	258 00	258 00	2500 00	2500 00	.....	193 00	.....	350 00	.....	240 02	38 43
2. Clay Street.....	H. M. Hope.....	.....	206 00	206 00	2000 00	2000 00	.....	132 29	21 71	229 03	29 97	87 36	35 00
3. Park Place.....	T. N. Potts.....	.....	237 00	237 00	2300 00	2300 00	.....	176 00	.....	297 00	.....	80 00	18 00
4. Laurel Street.....	T. J. Taylor.....	.....	124 00	124 00	1300 00	1300 00	.....	40 00	.....	100 00	15 71	75 00	.....
5. Asbury.....	W. A. Christian.....	.....	90 00	90 00	900 00	900 00	.....	54 00	.....	90 00	.....	49 32	.....
6. Highland Park.....	J. N. Latham.....	.....	71 00	55 00	400 00	400 00	16 00	22 98	18 64	40 47	18 65	.....	.....
7. Barton Heights.....	S. C. Hatcher.....	.....	49 00	49 00	575 00	575 00	.....	30 00	.....	46 00	.....	.....	.....
8. Hanover.....	G. H. McFaden.....	15 00	88 00	78 75	800 00	771 87	37 38	20 00	.....	30 00	.....	42 00	63 33
9. King William.....	J. W. Heckman.....	.....	52 00	49 26	400 00	381 52	21 22	14 00	.....	23 50	.....	.....	.....
10. Ashland.....	W. E. Judkins.....	54 00	103 00	103 00	1000 00	1076 36	.....	77 00	17 50	128 00	17 50	73 33	48 11
11. Ashland Circuit.....	Geo. E. Booker, Jr.	.....	39 00	37 33	381 00	364 67	18 00	10 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	10 98
12. West Hanover.....	S. W. Day.....	12 00	53 00	34 63	450 00	311 71	156 66	17 00	.....	25 75	.....	4 50	23 50
13. Caroline.....	F. W. Proctor.....	5 00	41 00	25 75	400 00	324 00	91 25	.....	.....	14 00	.....	32 60	9 00
14. Goochland.....	Jno. A. Smith.....	.....	26 00	13 72	176 50	87 35	101 43	3 00	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....
15. West Goochland.....	J. E. McSparran.....	.....	71 00	50 50	399 00	285 50	134 00	10 50	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....
16. Cartersville.....	W. H. Riddick.....	.....	65 00	52 25	605 00	482 96	134 79	25 00	.....	45 00	.....	31 25	13 12
17. Chesterfield.....	R. B. Scott.....	.....	78 00	78 00	875 00	875 00	.....	35 00	.....	58 00	.....	.....	49 74
18. West Chesterfield.....	L. J. Phaup.....	.....	60 00	60 00	640 00	640 00	.....	39 00	.....	20 00	4 50	.....	2 00
19. South Chesterfield.....	J. R. Gill.....	.....	47 00	42 12	553 00	495 64	62 24	5 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	13 00
20. Powhatan.....	E. P. Dahl.....	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	72 12	.....	1 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1896.....		127 75	1773 00	1659 31	16654 50	16143 70	624 49	904 77	57 85	1540 00	86 33	715 38	324 21
Totals for 1895.....		.....	1800 00	1720 17	16968 00	16345 18	702 65	1086 88	53 37	1826 03	79 12	695 32	428 37
Increase.....		127 75	4 48	7 21	20 06
Decrease.....		27 00	60 86	313 50	201 48	78 16	182 11	286 03	104 16

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WEST RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOL'S			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EX-TENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.													
1. Centenary	\$187 00	\$187 00	\$ 55 00	\$ 55 00	\$ 62 00	\$ 62 00	\$ 82 00	\$ 82 00	\$34 00	\$29 00	\$19 50	\$50 91	\$230 25	\$516 00	\$3443 17	\$ 8330 03	\$12 74	1	47	307	25
2. Clay Street.....	149 00	149 00	43 00	43 00	50 00	50 00	66 00	66 00	26 00	23 00	9 00	.....	443 79	85 60	2218 95	5855 70	8 52	1	68	295	.....
3. Park Place.....	172 00	172 00	50 00	50 00	57 00	57 00	76 00	76 00	31 00	26 00	7 49	.....	199 52	.....	2215 18	5942 19	8 73	1	38	299	10
4. Laurel Street.....	90 00	90 00	26 00	26 00	30 00	30 00	40 00	10 00	.....	5 00	6 31	1 00	576 00	425 00	700 29	3524 31	5 87	2	56	660	40
5. Asbury.....	52 00	52 00	11 00	11 00	17 00	17 00	23 00	10 35	2 00	3 00	.....	4 10	106 66	130 58	256 72	1776 73	7 08	1	15	113	14
6. Highland Park.....	51 00	25 50	15 00	7 50	16 00	8 00	22 00	11 00	4 50	4 00	4 23	4 83	53 90	.....	330 58	1009 70	10 20	1	21	100	10
7. Barton Heights.....	30 00	30 00	9 00	7 00	9 00	7 00	13 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	3 56	2 51	110 00	466 04	97 63	1442 74	12 13	1	23	110	.....
8. Hanover.....	63 00	25 00	18 00	10 00	21 00	7 00	27 00	7 00	4 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	195 07	70 00	285 16	1641 18	3 84	4	63	315	62
9. King William.....	27 00	13 50	8 00	4 00	9 00	4 50	12 00	6 00	2 50	2 00	.....	3 25	40 00	200 00	120 00	864 03	2 63	4	25	235	50
10. Ashland	74 00	74 00	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	33 00	33 00	13 00	11 00	10 37	.....	108 69	189 18	234 76	2315 80	9 76	2	32	218	3
11. Ashland Circuit.....	28 00	22 50	9 00	6 00	9 00	6 00	12 00	9 00	3 50	3 00	11 00	4 50	39 41	49 00	20 00	611 89	1 80	5	35	225	.....
12. West Hanover.....	32 00	17 00	11 00	6 00	10 00	6 00	15 00	9 00	3 00	2 50	3 25	.....	63 48	112 00	73 10	724 42	1 28	4	49	225	.....
13. Caroline	30 00	6 00	8 00	2 00	10 00	3 00	12 00	5 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	70 00	499 35	1 02	3	16	225	75
14. Goochland.....	28 00	5 90	8 00	.....	10 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	25 00	147 22	38	2	14	70	.....
15. West Goochland.....	38 00	9 50	10 00	2 50	12 00	2 00	16 00	3 71	.....	2 00	8 61	2 38	45 05	78 60	105 00	613 85	1 30	6	36	240	.....
16. Cartersville	47 00	30 00	14 00	10 00	16 00	8 00	21 00	9 00	.....	3 00	3 85	4 00	17 25	73 20	30 89	838 77	3 30	3	25	150	8
17. Chesterfield.....	59 00	35 00	17 00	10 00	19 00	7 60	25 00	15 00	5 00	4 00	3 92	.....	152 15	248 00	200 00	1776 41	4 59	6	56	360	25
18. West Chesterfield.....	38 00	20 00	12 00	5 00	13 00	4 00	17 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	7 00	2 00	85 00	650 00	115 00	1663 50	5 33	5	40	225	15
19. South Chesterfield.....	33 00	18 00	9 00	9 00	11 00	11 00	14 00	14 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	141 80	142 87	125 00	1040 43	1 89	5	52	250	42
20. Powhatan.....	9 00	2 50	2 00	25	3 00	25	4 00	75	50	25	.....	50	.....	.....	151 55	247 67	2 25	3	12	100	3
Totals for 1896.....	1235 00	984 40	361 00	286 25	409 00	315 35	542 00	380 81	138 00	132 75	114 09	82 98	2618 02	3436 07	10817 90	40865 92	5 14	60	723	4722	382
Totals for 1895	1235 00	1067 61	342 00	300 65	475 00	370 69	475 00	377 94	.....	150 51	155 49	121 35	2492 23	9334 15	13851 32	50456 38	6 90	61	719	4752	274
Increase	19 00	67 00	2 87	138 00	125 79	9590 46	1 76	1	4	30	108
Decrease	83 21	14 40	66 00	55 34	17 76	41 40	38 37	5898 08	3033 42

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WEST RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Death.	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.							
1. Centenary.....	1	20	12	654	.....	654	620	34	.....	40	30	70	12	24	.....	.....	36	1	45	1	\$35000 00	1	\$8000 00	\$ 125 00
2. Clay Street.....	3	12	7	687	.....	687	684	3	.....	18	24	42	3	34	2	.....	39	1	60	1	25000 00	.....	.....	1000 00
3. Park Place.....	1	7	8	681	.....	681	680	1	.....	28	25	53	6	44	2	.....	52	2	150	1	60000 00	.....	.....	4000 00
4. Laurel Street.....		20	10	600	.....	600	554	46	.....	54	28	82	9	25	2	.....	36	2	300	1	15000 00	.....	.....	1200 00
5. Asbury	2	9	3	251	.....	251	225	26	.....	21	26	47	7	12	1	1	21	2	78	1	10000 00	.....	.....	200 00
6. Highland Park.....		7	1	99	.....	99	83	16	.....	2	18	20	1	3	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	6500 00	.....	.....	.....
7. Barton Heights.....		7	5	119	.....	119	87	32	.....	21	21	42	.....	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1	5000 00	.....	.....	.....
8. Hanover.....	1	78	1.	427	.....	427	335	92	.....	101	4	105	4	9	.....	.....	13	2	156	4	4500 00	1	1500 00	270 00
9. King William.....		36	.....	329	.....	329	290	39	.....	45	11	56	1	13	3	.....	17	.....	.....	4	5000 00	1	800 00	150 00
10. Ashland.....	2	7	.....	237	.....	237	255	.....	18	10	20	30	5	41	2	.....	48	.....	.....	2	6500 00	1	2000 00	450 00
11. Ashland Circuit.....		30	1	340	.....	340	312	28	.....	33	6	39	2	8	1	.....	11	1	33	5	2800 00	.....	.....	.....
12. West Hanover.....		10	.....	566	1	567	564	3	.....	12	.....	12	3	4	2	.....	9	.....	.....	6	4785 00	.....	.....	450 00
13. Caroline		30	.....	488	.....	488	459	29	.....	40	3	43	6	8	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	4	6300 00	.....	.....	.....
14. Goochland.....		.....	.....	386	.....	386	361	25	.....	17	13	30	3	1	1	.....	5	.....	.....	4	2700 00	1	800 00	.....
15. West Goochland.....	1	25	3	471	.....	471	371	100	.....	79	31	110	5	5	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	6	3600 00	1	800 00	300 00
16. Cartersville		5	3	254	.....	254	271	.....	17	10	.....	10	4	21	2	.....	27	.....	.....	4	5000 00	1	1000 00	300 00
17. Chesterfield.....	2	28	2	387	.....	387	357	30	.....	33	7	40	2	8	.....	.....	10	1	24	5	9300 00	1	2000 00	500 00
18. West Chesterfield.....		5	2	312	.....	312	386	.....	74	14	14	28	4	93	5	.....	102	.....	.....	4	8500 00	1	2000 00	.....
19. South Chesterfield.....	3	35	9	550	.....	550	422	128	.....	61	105	166	4	29	5	.....	38	1	80	8	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....
20. Powhatan.....		1	.....	86	.....	86	.....	86	.....	1	88	89	.....	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	2	1000 00	.....	.....	50 00
Totals for 1896.....	16	372	67	7924	1	7925	7316	609	.....	640	471	1114	81	395	28	1	505	13	926	65	221485 00	10	19900 00	8995 00
Totals for 1895.....	19	300	91	7315	1	7316	7044	272	.....	496	244	740	83	352	33	.....	468	11	521	63	220285 00	10	19700 00	22105 00
Increase		72	609	609	272	144	143	287	43	1	37	2	405	2	1200 00	200 00
Decrease	3	24	2	5	13110 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W. M. S	Raised by R. B'ds.
Rappahannock Dis.	C. E. Watts, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Whitestone.....	J. W. S. Robins.....	10 00	123 00	123 00	900 00	900 00	.....	60 00	.....	90 00	.....	82 00	58 00
2. Lancaster.....	B. E. Ledbetter.....	56 00	105 00	90 00	759 00	675 00	99 00	22 00	.....	30 00	.....	45 00	24 00
3. Heathsville.....	C. R. James.....	.....	98 00	98 00	800 00	800 00	.....	65 00	5 00	97 50	7 50	.....	14 36
4. Bethany.....	H. J. Brown.....	.....	119 00	119 00	850 00	850 00	.....	59 00	.....	98 00	.....	65 60	40 00
5. Richmond Circuit.....	M. S. Colonna, Jr.....	10 00	49 00	49 00	325 00	325 00	.....	28 00	.....	47 00	.....	9 00	23 56
6. Whealon.....	W. C. Pace.....	4 80	30 00	30 00	350 00	350 00	.....	3 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....
7. Westmoreland.....	Geo. H. Spooner.....	35 00	101 00	101 00	750 00	750 00	.....	58 99	11 77	60 98	69 02	4 50	5 00
8. Montross.....	E. F. Hall.....	10 00	49 00	40 20	331 00	272 22	67 58	13 50	.....	22 50	.....	8 00	8 63
9. King George.....	W. G. Bates.....	.....	97 00	76 47	703 00	576 48	147 05	24 00	.....	30 00	.....	7 76	16 35
10. Spotsylvania.....	C. H. Williams.....	17 50	56 00	50 70	350 00	321 68	33 62	32 00	.....	54 00	.....	.....	3 00
11. Bowling Green.....	R. T. Waterfield.....	.....	77 00	56 84	560 00	413 46	166 70	23 52	5 00	39 31	5 00	.....	6 15
12. Essex.....	M. S. Elliott.....	.....	73 00	65 50	575 00	525 87	56 63	30 00	.....	35 00	.....	10 00	.....
13. King and Queen.....	Jno. P. Woodward.....	2 50	65 00	42 17	335 00	217 33	140 50	8 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	27 37
14. Middlesex.....	M. S. Watts.....	45 00	96 00	96 00	775 00	775 00	.....	50 00	.....	80 00	.....	.....	3 00
15. West Mathews.....	W. W. Sawyer.....	.....	101 00	101 00	750 00	750 00	.....	20 00	.....	30 00	10 00	.....	60 00
16. Mathews.....	R. A. Compton.....	.....	160 00	160 00	1160 00	1160 00	.....	40 00	.....	60 00	.....	25 00	140 65
	Totals for 1896.....	190 80	1399 00	1298 88	10273 00	9662 04	711 08	537 01	21 77	790 29	91 52	256 86	430 07
	Totals for 1895.....	278 50	1355 00	1263 61	10007 25	9422 58	676 06	513 70	42 50	788 82	112 82	238 88	416 44
	Increase.....	44 00	35 27	265 75	239 46	35 02	23 31	1 47	17 98	13 63
	Decrease.....	87 70	20 73	21 30

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.								Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.	Number.			Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions	
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.														
1. Whitestone.....	\$ 69 00	\$ 69 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 58 00	\$.....	\$ 80 00	\$1150 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 2863 00	\$7 32	3	50	360	10	
2. Lancaster	59 00	38 00	17 00	12 00	19 00	8 00	25 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	45 00	50 00	175 00	1295 00	3 01	5	50	260	22
3. Heathsville.....	55 00	56 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	19 00	24 00	25 00	9 00	8 00	15 00	8 55	42 73	373 64	88 30	1748 58	3 36	4	47	280	13	
4. Bethany.....	66 00	56 50	19 00	16 00	23 00	19 75	29 00	25 00	5 25	8 50	.....	16 11	89 72	72 77	78 00	1619 20	4 89	3	44	257	.....
5. Richmond Circuit.....	27 00	27 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	12 00	5 00	4 00	4 90	.....	15 00	40 00	61 00	678 46	1 67	3	34	253	.....
6. Whealton	17 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	7 00	1 00	.....	1 00	2 42	1 58	25 71	113 00	26 76	575 27	1 28	1	12	54	.....
7. Westmoreland	56 00	56 00	16 00	16 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	9 00	17 10	5 00	53 40	747 31	204 87	2259 94	4 28	5	37	251	19	
8. Montross.....	27 00	12 36	8 00	3 50	10 00	4 50	12 00	5 50	2 50	2 00	7 43	.....	.....	100 00	60 00	572 84	1 74	4	51	233	20
9. King George.....	54 00	20 00	16 00	9 00	18 00	10 00	24 00	12 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	40 00	288 97	35 00	1154 03	2 18	5	64	268	15
10. Spotsylvania.....	31 00	29 00	9 00	7 00	10 00	8 00	14 00	11 00	5 00	4 00	2 83	1 00	80 00	165 00	190 00	981 71	2 24	7	42	287	20	
11. Bowling Green.....	42 00	22 31	12 00	6 33	14 00	7 43	18 00	9 51	3 71	3 18	6 47	2 76	103 70	415 21	35 00	1164 89	2 49	6	49	373	.....
12. Essex.....	41 00	16 00	12 00	8 00	13 00	8 00	18 00	10 00	.....	3 00	4 00	1 00	30 00	125 00	50 00	921 37	2 11	3	28	200	7
13. King and Queen.....	36 00	10 00	11 00	3 00	12 00	2 50	16 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	3 63	2 96	25 00	86 65	25 58	470 59	1 44	4	35	252	2	
14. Middlesex.....	54 00	50 00	16 00	12 00	15 00	5 00	24 00	10 00	8 00	2 00	7 00	3 00	70 00	200 00	275 00	1691 00	3 06	7	60	440	60	
15. West Mathews.....	56 00	25 00	16 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	25 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	20 00	2 74	123 00	1000 00	275 00	2454 74	4 72	5	60	500	50	
16. Mathews	89 00	75 00	20 00	10 00	30 00	20 00	39 00	20 00	.....	10 00	30 00	3 00	135 33	707 71	147 19	2753 88	2 43	5	82	750	18
Totals for 1896.....	780 00	566 17	228 00	171 83	258 00	177 18	342 00	217 51	66 43	74 68	183 78	47 10	958 59	5635 26	1826 70	23204 50	3 14	70	745	5018	256	
Totals for 1895.....	780 00	593 90	216 00	174 72	300 00	210 30	300 00	222 30	.....	96 00	155 96	38 74	884 48	4451 97	2546 44	22452 78	3 10	67	743	4989	310
Increase.....	12 00	42 00	66 46	25 82	8 36	74 11	1183 29	751 72	04	3	2	29	
Decrease.....	27 73	2 89	42 00	33 12	4 79	21 32	719 74	54	

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.						No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other 'Church Property.		
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls								Expul- sions.	Total Losses.
1. Whitestone.....		8	6	391	.....	391	377	14	.....	16	2	18	2	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	3	\$ 9000 00	1	\$ 1000 00	\$.....
2. Lancaster		19	4	430	.....	430	443	.....	13	29	9	38	9	42	.....	51	.....	.....	4	9550 00	1	1800 00	725 00	
3. Heathsville	2	23	3	521	.....	521	510	11	.....	34	3	37	15	9	2	.....	26	.....	.....	4	8700 00	1	2000 00	.....
4. Bethany.....			5	331	.....	331	342	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	4	5	2	.....	11	.....	.....	1	2000 00	1	1800 00	250 00
5. Richmond Circuit.....		2	.....	406	.....	406	413	.....	7	4	3	7	4	9	1	.....	14	1	24	3	3500 00	.....	.....	100 00
6. Whealton		1	3	45	.....	45	.....	45	.....	2	43	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	26	1	1200 00	.....	.....	150 00
7. Westmoreland.....	1	28	12	527	1	528	503	25	.....	34	3	37	4	5	2	1	12	.....	.....	5	6000 00	1	1500 00	.....
8. Montross		13	.....	330	.....	330	302	28	.....	26	4	30	1	1	.....	2	2	1	28	4	3600 00	.....	.....	.....
9. King George.....		14	1	529	.....	529	498	31	.....	18	27	45	4	9	1	.....	14	1	15	4	7500 00	1	2000 00	.....
10. Spotsylvania.....	1	30	6	438	.....	438	430	8	.....	40	6	46	6	28	4	.....	36	.....	.....	7	5300 00	1	1200 00	200 00
11. Bowling Green.. ..		18	2	468	.....	468	371	97	.....	44	90	134	7	19	11	.....	37	.....	.....	5	6000 00	.....	.....	400 00
12. Essex		3	1	436	.....	436	433	3	.....	7	.....	7	1	3	.....	4	.....	.....	3	4400 00	1	1200 00	.....
13. King and Queen.....	1	2	.....	326	1	327	335	.....	8	3	.....	3	8	3	.....	11	1	12	4	7500 00	.....	.....	260 00	
14. Middlesex.....		47	3	553	.....	553	501	52	.....	57	2	59	5	2	.....	7	.....	.....	5	9500 00	1	1000 00	700 00	
15. West Mathews.....	1	20	2	520	.....	520	498	22	.....	44	5	49	6	18	3	.....	27	.....	.....	5	9000 00	1	1200 00	500 00
16. Mathews	2	6	14	1129	3	1132	1164	.....	32	23	4	27	25	34	.....	59	.....	.....	7	13000 00	1	2000 00	600 00	
Totals for 1896.....	8	234	62	7380	5	7385	7249	136	.....	381	201	582	101	188	27	1	317	5	105	65	105750 00	11	16700 00	3885 00
Totals for 1895.....	9	309	56	7244	5	7249	7055	194	.....	507	50	557	82	239	42	.....	363	3	120	63	100830 00	11	17300 00	4160 00
Increase			6	136	136	194	151	25	19	1	2	2	4920 00
Decrease	1	75			126	51	15	46	15	600 00	275 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W M S.	Raised by R. B'ds
Charlottesville Dist.	J. S. Hunter, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Charlottesville.....	A. C. Bledsoe and J. W. Bledsoe,	.....	194 00	194 00	1800 00	1800 00	.....	60 00	7 00	61 25	10 63	85 00	21 00
2. Albemarle.....	D. G. C. Butts.....	71 00	78 00	73 44	800 00	752 47	52 09	20 00	.....	36 00	4 28	.....	15 66
3. Scottsville.....	Jno. H. Kabler.....	13 00	73 00	55 11	740 00	658 70	99 19	30 75	.....	50 00	.....	.....	14 94
4. Batesville.....	E. T. Dadmun and W. L. Ware,	1 50	75 50	75 50	975 00	948 50	26 50	60 50	.....	101 00	.....	.....	14 62
5. Nelson.....	R. B. Blankenship,	1 50	64 00	62 00	710 00	693 33	18 67	30 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....
6. Buffalo Ridge Miss.....	J. T. Meadows.....	50	24 50	18 96	255 50	178 71	82 33	7 15	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....
7. Amherst.....	A. C. Berryman.....	26 50	75 50	71 30	750 00	700 00	54 20	43 69	1 00	58 78	1 22	.....	.....
8. West Amherst.....	M. A. Davidson.....	12 50	78 50	56 40	700 00	508 35	213 75	10 50	.....	18 00	.....	17 30	.....
9. Mt. Pleasant.....	A. C. Jordan.....	1 50	64 50	43 05	660 00	440 21	241 24	10 50	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....
10. Milton Mission.....	B. F. Smith.....	50	26 00	14 04	250 00	120 95	141 01	2 27	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....
11. Fluvanna.....	N. J. Pruden.....	16 71	58 50	46 09	600 00	494 15	118 26	25 61	.....	45 00	4 22	.....	15 00
12. Louisa.....	C. L. Bane.....	1 50	100 00	88 97	825 00	722 74	113 29	30 00	.....	37 00	8 03	.....	.....
13. Gordonsville.....	Paul Bradley.....	1 00	67 50	67 50	600 00	600 00	.....	27 50	.....	35 00	.....	24 50	17 18
14. Orange.....	C. S. Wamsley.....	.....	69 00	51 87	600 00	434 13	183 00	12 00	.....	41 00	.....	30 70	12 37
15. Greene.....	J. Q. Rhodes.....	38 40	70 80	63 08	700 00	631 87	75 85	30 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....
16. Madison.....	C. F. Comer.....	1 50	100 00	94 75	857 00	810 00	52 25	45 00	.....	70 00	.....	.....	.....
17. Woodville.....	R. G. James.....	.....	39 00	31 00	245 00	186 89	66 11	8 00	.....	10 11	.....	.....	7 50
18. Culpeper.....	H. P. Mitcheil.....	.....	75 50	65 00	700 00	650 00	60 50	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
19. Culpeper Circuit.....	W. J. Williams.....	1 00	49 00	39 20	500 00	400 00	109 80	17 90	.....	30 55	.....	.....	26 50
20. Rappahannock.....	W. A. S. Conrad.....	.....	66 00	59 96	846 00	778 02	74 02	11 50	28 50	29 50	28 50	.....	20 56
	Totals for 1896.....	189 11	1448 80	1271 22	14113 50	12509 02	1782 06	492 87	36 50	753 69	56 88	157 50	165 33
	Totals for 1895.....	123 83	1518 00	1307 06	14052 33	12055 38	2207 89	517 83	15 12	784 85	26 10	139 94	160 25
	Increase.....	65 28	61 17	453 64	21 38	30 78	17 56	5 08
	Decrease.....	69 20	35 84	425 83	24 96	31 16

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Charlottesville.....	\$132 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 38 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 54 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 15 00	\$.....	\$ 5 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 375 00	\$.....	\$ 800 00	\$ 3563 88	\$ 4 89	1	45	325	.....
2. Albemarle.....	60 00	30 00	18 00	9 00	20 00	10 00	26 00	10 00	.....	5 00	4 64	.....	62 08	552 50	412 22	2068 79	3 63	6	53	375	13
3. Scottsville.....	56 50	26 50	16 50	10 00	18 50	8 00	25 00	11 11	.....	4 00	.....	.....	57 80	688 15	364 36	1992 42	3 70	8	42	310	41
4. Batesville.....	58 50	48 50	17 00	12 00	19 00	14 00	25 50	15 50	5 00	4 50	.....	1 12	60 00	150 00	175 00	1687 24	2 53	6	49	371	.....
5. Nelson.....	49 00	26 70	14 50	8 00	16 00	4 00	21 50	14 00	2 00	2 00	2 59	1 00	75 27	65 90	61 00	1099 29	2 59	4	40	225	4
6. Buffalo Ridge Miss....	18 50	6 78	5 50	2 00	6 00	2 20	8 00	2 93	1 28	1 10	.....	.....	8 75	154 50	12 00	408 86	2 18	2	18	87	42
7. Amherst.....	46 50	46 50	13 00	13 00	16 00	16 00	20 50	20 50	5 00	5 00	9 74	.....	90 70	350 75	181 23	1640 91	3 10	8	88	453	15
8. West Amherst.....	52 50	12 10	15 50	7 20	17 50	4 20	23 00	2 20	.....	2 00	3 30	80	43 50	470 00	30 00	1198 35	1 97	8	56	374	15
9. Mt. Pleasant.....	49 50	15 00	14 50	5 00	16 50	5 50	21 50	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 09	.....	35 00	129 94	55 58	773 37	1 16	6	70	560	12
10. Milton Mission.....	20 00	1 75	6 00	50	6 50	50	8 50	1 00	50	50	.....	.....	10 00	30 00	5 00	190 01	69	4	19	180	5
11. Fluvanna.....	45 00	32 79	13 00	9 00	15 00	10 00	20 00	14 75	3 50	3 00	7 93	2 00	41 73	59 12	161 83	992 43	1 84	6	42	347	3
12. Louisa.....	64 00	33 00	18 50	11 00	21 00	9 00	28 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	1 14	30 00	110 88	75 85	1179 11	1 60	8	52	341	13
13. Gordonsville.....	45 00	23 00	13 00	8 00	15 00	7 00	20 00	6 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	36 50	497 50	135 86	1489 54	4 00	2	33	175	10
14. Orange.....	45 00	20 00	13 00	5 00	15 00	4 00	20 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	.....	1 25	33 80	182 00	78 80	921 92	3 27	4	30	245	3
15. Greene.....	54 50	35 00	15 90	12 00	18 00	12 00	23 90	11 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	50 00	400 00	200 00	1533 35	2 03	8	71	426	15
16. Madison.....	64 00	44 00	18 50	13 00	21 00	14 00	28 00	19 00	8 00	7 00	.....	.....	40 21	351 16	956 50	2474 12	2 76	6	82	357	.....
17. Woodville.....	30 00	10 00	9 00	6 00	10 00	3 00	13 00	4 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	15 00	108 70	114 65	506 85	1 31	4	35	225	9
18. Culpeper.....	55 00	20 00	16 00	8 00	16 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	8 25	77 65	915 90	6 50	1	7	80	.....
19. Culpeper Circuit.....	37 50	17 20	11 00	5 00	12 50	5 60	16 50	7 00	2 85	2 75	4 18	2 81	28 34	17 34	91 54	699 76	1 34	8	63	360	35
20. Rappahannock.....	50 50	37 50	15 00	13 25	16 50	10 25	22 00	12 00	6 50	6 00	5 00	.....	38 75	377 00	366 00	1828 79	3 41	6	75	329	20
Totals for 1896.....	1040 00	576 32	304 00	181 95	344 00	156 25	456 00	188 99	51 63	67 85	42 47	11 12	1197 43	4703 69	4355 07	27164 89	2 62	106	970	6145	255
Totals for 1895.....	1040 00	552 31	288 00	180 51	400 00	158 20	400 00	163 20	.....	68 55	79 29	8 49	879 56	6099 40	4096 99	27416 86	2 65	104	841	5674	329
Increase.....	24 01	16 00	1 44	56 00	25 79	51 63	2 63	317 87	258 08	2	129	471
Decrease.....	56 00	1 95	70	36 82	1395 71	251 97	03	74

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr wls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.							
1. Charlottesville.....	2	20	5	729	.....	729	697	32	.....	24	25	49	7	6	4	.....	17	1	100	1	\$15000 00	2	\$7000 00	\$ 1700 00
2. Albemarle		33	2	567	3	570	683	.....	113	49	37	86	11	35	153	.....	199	1	20	6	6400 00	1	1800 00	420 00
3. Scottsville		57	3	536	2	538	441	97	.....	93	18	111	8	3	3	.....	14	.....	...	7	7000 00	1	1500 00	200 00
4. Batesville		90	10	665	1	666	565	101	.....	137	14	151	6	26	18	.....	50	1	30	6	6000 00	1	1000 00	300 00
5. Nelson		6	.....	424	.....	424	447	.....	23	11	1	12	5	30	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	4	4000 00	1	900 00	300 00
6. Buffalo Ridge Miss....	1	.....	.....	188	.....	188	264	.....	76	6	3	9	1	82	2	.....	85	.....	.....	3	1750 00	.....	.....	.....
7. Amherst.....	1	18	26	528	1	529	495	34	.....	30	28	58	13	8	3	.....	24	1	30	7	6500 00	1	1200 00	400 00
8. West Amherst.....		41	11	609	.....	609	552	57	.....	56	20	76	8	7	4	.....	19	.....	.....	7	5000 00	1	2000 00	200 00
9. Mt. Pleasant.....	2	17	1	666	.....	666	758	.....	92	22	7	29	4	117	.....	121	.....	.....	.....	6	4500 00	1	1000 00	400 00
10. Milton Mission.....		5	2	274	.....	274	274	.....	.....	5	2	7	2	5	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	3	1400 00	.....	.....	30 00
11. Fluvanna	2	6	2	538	2	540	613	.....	73	9	2	11	10	72	2	.....	84	.....	.....	6	6900 00	1	1000 00	400 00
12. Louisa.....	2	24	1	736	1	737	752	.....	15	25	13	38	8	42	3	.....	53	.....	.....	7	9200 00	1	1500 00	550 00
13. Gordonsville.....		12	.....	372	.....	372	347	25	.....	25	14	39	3	8	3	.....	14	.....	.....	2	5600 00	.....	.....	400 00
14. Orange		3	.....	282	.....	282	283	.....	1	3	.....	3	3	.....	1	.....	4	.....	.....	4	8800 00	1	1600 00	725 00
15. Greene		12	.....	755	1	756	741	15	.....	24	.....	24	5	4	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	8	4500 00	1	2000 00	200 00
16. Madison	1	14	.....	894	1	895	901	.....	6	16	5	21	9	12	6	.....	27	.....	.....	8	10000 00	1	1200 00	2250 00
17. Woodville		19	.....	388	.....	388	374	14	.....	22	2	24	2	6	2	.....	10	.....	.....	5	2650 00	.....	.....	175 00
18. Culpeper .....		.....	3	140	1	141	155	.....	14	2	.....	2	2	14	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	1	8000 00	.....	.....	200 00
19. Culpeper Circuit.....		47	2	524	.....	524	517	7	.....	55	.....	55	6	1	.....	41	48	.....	.....	6	4000 00	.....	.....	375 00
20. Rappahannock	3	62	1	534	2	536	504	32	68	14	82	8	35	7	50	7	9200 00	1	800 00	1000 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W. M. S	Raised by R. B'ds.
Lynchburg District.	O. Littleton, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Centenary.....	Geo. H. Ray.....	26 00	221 00	221 00	1900 00	1900 00	.....	55 50	.....	92 20	.....	.....	.....
2. Court Street.....	A. Coke Smith.....	50 00	328 00	328 00	3000 00	3000 00	.....	152 72	120 11	727 00	3 00	221 19	50 74
3. Memorial.....	Jas. C. Reed.....	.....	231 00	231 00	1700 00	1700 00	.....	300 00	17 00	600 00	34 51	244 79	108 32
4. Trinity.....	L. T. Williams.....	.....	30 00	26 00	300 00	242 39	61 61	20 78	.....	18 25	.....	.....	5 71
5. South View and Providence,	P. H. Clements.....	.....	20 00	15 85	250 00	216 52	37 63	10 61	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 27
6. Cabell Street.....	Ernest Stevens.....	.....	51 00	51 00	700 00	700 00	.....	45 00	5 00	75 00	10 00	31 80	.....
7. Madison Station.....	Porter Hardy.....	20 00	38 00	34 40	500 00	446 23	57 37	12 00	5 00	34 00	11 00	.....	26 41
8. Bedford City.....	J. T. Whitley.....	37 50	111 00	111 00	1000 00	1000 00	.....	30 00	.....	45 00	.....	50 00	28 92
9. Bedford Circuit.....	W. H. Gregory.....	.....	98 00	82 35	900 00	745 42	170 23	20 00	.....	37 00	.....	.....	.....
10. North Bedford.....	D. W. Reed.....	.....	29 00	29 00	350 00	350 00	.....	7 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....
11. Bedford Springs.....	R. W. Watts.....	.....	81 00	68 29	760 00	628 80	143 91	20 00	.....	25 00	.....	10 00	20 00
12. Middle Bedford.....	T. E. Johnson.....	25 00	47 00	34 61	438 00	302 21	148 18	10 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....
13. West Bedford.....	P. M. Bell.....	6 50	52 00	48 00	575 00	475 28	103 72	5 35	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
14. Staunton River.....	Chas. T. Gibbs.....	.....	21 00	12 87	163 00	100 00	71 13	4 28	.....	7 85	.....	.....	.....
15. West Campbell.....	Geo. H. Wiley.....	15 00	63 00	56 00	619 00	545 00	81 00	22 00	.....	15 00	.....	19 00	10 16
16. Campbell.....	R. Ferguson.....	31 00	121 00	114 52	900 00	848 20	58 28	30 00	.....	70 00	.....	59 00	16 61
17. Concord.....	J. W. Parrish.....	5 00	74 00	74 00	560 00	560 00	.....	21 50	.....	33 00	.....	9 20	12 40
18. Appomattox.....	S. H. Johnson.....	.....	71 00	51 50	600 00	436 35	183 15	25 00	.....	32 00	.....	.....	4 75
19. West Charlotte.....	J. S. Peters.....	.....	45 00	41 11	600 00	521 51	82 38	29 00	.....	54 00	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1896.....	216 00	1732 00	1630 50	15815 00	14717 91	1198 59	820 74	147 11	1921 30	58 51	644 98	285 29
	Totals for 1895.....	75 94	1631 85	1557 50	15038 00	14165 78	946 57	906 19	138 33	1546 40	174 62	772 29	321 45
	Increase.....	140 06	100 15	73 00	777 00	552 13	252 02	8 78	374 90
	Decrease.....	85 45	116 11	127 31	36 16

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL'S			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Centenary.....	\$150 00	\$ 55 55	\$ 47 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 53 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 64 00	\$ 22 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 8 00	\$.....	\$ 2 66	\$ 258 09	\$1348 75	\$ 1403 76	\$ 5435 51	\$8 88	1	37	280	10
2. Court Street.....	224 00	274 00	64 00	64 00	78 00	78 00	95 00	95 00	39 00	35 00	50 00	10 00	426 37	375 16	3733 41	9832 70	14 99	1	51	420	2
3. Memorial.....	162 00	162 00	48 00	48 00	56 00	49 00	67 00	60 00	29 00	10 00	12 06	.....	108 78	.....	889 50	4603 96	9 84	1	32	365	8
4. Trinity.....	21 00	12 63	6 00	3 63	7 00	4 23	9 00	5 43	1 82	1 82	3 63	.....	.....	64 05	73 55	483 92	3 56	1	16	112	11
5. South View and Providence,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	22 25	21 47	156 73	450 11	4 05	2	14	117	16
6. Cabell Street.....	34 00	34 00	10 00	10 00	13 00	13 00	14 00	14 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	76 00	.....	845 75	1931 55	10 97	2	25	190	.....
7. Madison Station.....	24 00	24 00	7 00	7 00	9 00	9 00	13 00	13 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	.....	70 75	101 48	161 13	981 40	3 92	2	22	150	7
8. Bedford City.....	78 00	35 00	22 00	8 00	27 00	8 00	31 00	8 00	2 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	104 42	139 13	241 83	1867 80	5 77	2	34	260	7
9. Bedford Circuit.....	68 00	35 00	13 00	7 00	10 00	5 00	20 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	.....	1 00	55 00	100 00	200 00	1305 77	2 11	6	85	550	4
10. North Bedford.....	21 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	21 00	800 00	46 25	1286 25	2 98	5	50	325	25
11. Bedford Springs.....	56 00	40 00	15 00	15 00	21 00	10 00	21 00	10 00	.....	2 00	3 00	2 00	40 00	15 00	100 00	1009 09	1 60	7	35	350	40
12. Middle Bedford.....	31 00	10 00	9 00	8 00	9 00	2 00	15 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	6 10	35 00	27 77	483 69	87	5	54	242	6
13. West Bedford.....	35 00	20 00	11 00	7 00	12 00	.....	17 00	10 10	3 00	4 00	.....	.....	14 65	26 00	65 84	715 72	1 04	6	55	500	29
14. Staunton River.....	14 00	5 01	4 00	1 43	4 00	1 43	8 00	2 86	71	35	.....	.....	10 00	25 00	.....	171 79	66	4	31	300	.....
15. West Campbell.....	40 00	20 00	13 00	5 00	14 00	4 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	4 77	.....	30 00	100 00	50 00	905 93	1 67	6	65	475	35
16. Campbell.....	82 00	50 00	23 00	14 00	26 00	12 00	38 00	8 00	.....	5 00	3 55	4 00	30 80	250 00	432 07	1978 75	2 97	8	43	318	.....
17. Concord.....	54 00	26 50	16 00	11 00	19 00	8 00	25 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	.....	1 00	74 34	.....	200 81	1054 75	1 96	6	58	373	32
18. Appomattox.....	47 00	27 50	14 00	7 00	17 00	4 00	23 00	4 00	4 50	3 50	.....	.....	37 73	95 50	97 92	831 25	2 22	4	28	196	4
19. West Charlotte.....	28 00	28 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	19 00	19 00	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	300 00	83 71	1110 33	2 62	6	39	320	6
Totals for 1896.....	1170 00	869 19	342 00	249 06	387 00	239 66	513 00	304 39	115 03	99 67	96 42	31 66	1386 28	3796 54	8810 03	36440 27	4 31	75	774	5843	242
Totals for 1895.....	1170 00	928 17	324 00	254 84	450 00	282 46	450 00	232 41	.....	99 81	96 13	23 50	1481 35	2827 37	5527 91	31412 45	3 77	70	742	5673	196
Increase.....	18 00	63 00	71 98	115 03	29	8 16	969 17	3282 12	5027 82	54	5	32	170	46
Decrease.....	58 98	5 78	63 00	42 80	14	95 07

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PASTORAL CHARGES.		Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.													EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
			Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.							No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.
					White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
											Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.								Total Losses.
1. Centenary.....	2	10	15	611	1	612	619	.....	7	31	20	51	8	50	.....	.....	58	2	200	1	\$43000 00	1	\$2000 00	\$ 4000 00
2. Court Street.....	1	2	7	656	.....	656	632	24	.....	4	41	45	3	18	.....	.....	21	1	113	1	30000 00	2	8500 00	4200 00
3. Memorial.....	2	5	7	468	.....	468	492	.....	24	10	6	16	4	33	3	.....	40	2	160	1	18500 00	1	3500 00	600 00
4. Trinity.....	.....	11	3	136	.....	136	114	22	.....	16	10	26	1	.....	3	.....	4	1	43	1	2000 00	.....	.....	100 00
5. South View and Providence,	.....	9	.....	111	.....	111	91	20	.....	28	4	32	1	11	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	2	1200 00	.....	.....	.....
6. Cabell Street.....	.....	11	7	176	.....	176	176	.....	.....	19	4	23	1	22	.....	.....	23	1	40	1	2000 00	.....	.....	150 00
7. Madison Station.....	1	5	2	250	.....	250	300	.....	50	5	4	9	2	43	14	.....	59	1	30	1	2000 00	.....	.....	150 00
8. Bedford City.....	1	7	12	324	.....	324	343	.....	19	11	28	39	9	44	5	.....	58	1	65	1	8500 00	.....	.....	300 00
9. Bedford Circuit.....	.....	8	4	619	.....	619	640	.....	21	10	.....	10	6	24	1	.....	31	1	14	7	4000 00	1	1500 00	500 00
10. North Bedford .....	.....	35	10	431	.....	431	355	76	.....	40	52	92	4	12	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	5	3400 00	.....	.....	250 00
11. Bedford Springs.....	.....	14	7	627	.....	627	664	.....	37	22	3	25	7	54	1	.....	62	.....	.....	7	5000 00	1	1000 00	250 00
12. Middle Bedford.....	.....	20	.....	554	.....	554	552	2	.....	36	12	48	5	35	6	.....	46	1	13	5	2500 00	1	400 00	150 00
13. West Bedford.....	1	55	.....	687	.....	687	677	10	.....	55	14	69	6	40	11	2	59	.....	.....	6	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....
14. Staunton River.....	.....	3	7	260	.....	260	275	.....	15	20	5	25	2	30	8	.....	40	.....	.....	4	1200 00	.....	.....	.....
15. West Campbell.....	1	60	10	542	.....	542	514	28	.....	66	5	71	4	36	3	.....	43	6	240	6	4800 00	1	800 00	425 00
16. Campbell .....	.....	65	7	667	.....	667	618	49	.....	140	12	152	6	91	6	.....	103	.....	.....	6	6000 00	1	1500 00	500 00
17. Concord.....	.....	50	5	537	.....	537	487	50	.....	67	1	68	4	12	2	.....	18	1	40	4	2500 00	1	2000 00	100 00
18. Appomattox	1	13	2	374	.....	374	368	6	.....	16	10	26	1	13	6	.....	20	.....	.....	4	2500 00	1	1000 00	.....
19. West Charlotte .....	.....	18	2	424	.....	424	421	3	.....	20	12	32	.....	29	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	6	5500 00	.....	.....	175 00
Totals for 1896.....	10	410	107	8454	1	8455	8338	117	.....	616	243	850	74	597	69	2	742	18	958	69	139600 00	12	23200 00	11850 00
Totals for 1895.....	14	280	101	8337	1	8338	7952	386	.....	495	266	761	59	266	43	7	375	10	570	66	144750 00	11	26465 00	11430 00
Increase	130	6	117	117	386	121	98	15	331	26	367	8	388	3	1	420 00
Decrease	4	23	5150 00	3265 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.													
1. Main Street.....	\$230 34	\$230 34	\$ 67 33	\$ 67 33	\$ 76 20	\$ 76 20	\$101 00	\$101 00	\$40 00	\$35 44	\$16 32	\$20 00	\$268 75	\$971 69	\$2679 35	\$ 9241 10	\$18 63	1	43	416	6
2. Cabell Street.....	36 56	36 56	10 69	10 69	12 09	12 09	16 03	16 03	6 47	5 63				750 00	361 00	1869 92	7 86	1	30	1400	
3. Mt. Vernon and Sunnyside.	131 63	131 63	38 40	38 40	43 54	43 54	57 71	41 83	10 00	10 00	9 81		176 06	103 70	830 13	3799 77	10 00	2	35	295	1
4. Floyd Street.....	29 25	1 63	8 55	60	9 68	39	12 83	78		37	1 42	1 50	25 70	14 74	39 73	251 17	1 64	1	12	78	
5. Calvary	91 41	91 41	26 72	26 72	30 24	30 24	40 08	40 08	16 17	14 06	12 00	26 78	384 33	749 58	886 15	4294 38	9 85	2	43	527	22
6. Pittsylvania.....	43 87	21 50	12 83	6 10	14 51	5 85	19 24	8 15	3 25	3 10	7 36		34 56	184 62	80 20	776 90	1 54	9	66	412	14
7. Chatham.....	54 84	18 00	16 03	6 00	18 15	2 00	24 05	2 00						1320 00	60 00	2055 42	3 95	4	42	176	
8. Cascade	54 84	20 00	16 03	8 00	18 15	9 00	24 05	12 00	3 31	3 00	13 51	2 00	50 00	850 00	20 00	1490 23	3 90	8	40	435	8
9. North Pittsylvania....	36 56	15 00	10 69	3 00	12 09	4 00	16 03	5 00	1 50	2 00		1 50	40 00	65 00	210 00	828 38	1 79	11	55	650	73
10. South Staunton.....	8 00	3 48	2 00	1 00									5 00	5 00	8 00	134 73	89	4	25	285	44
11. Franklin.....	75 00	20 00	20 00	6 00	20 00	4 00	30 00	8 00	3 00	3 00		1 00	80 00	904 00	75 00	1895 53	3 28	10	80	620	185
12. East Franklin.....	58 50	20 00	17 10	5 00	19 35	5 00	25 65	7 00					27 00	64 00	100 00	882 85	1 01	14	117	778	50
13. West Franklin.....	25 59	2 00	7 48		8 46		11 22	2 00			4 22		7 55	353 46	24 00	580 53	1 38	9	60	400	28
14. Henry	43 88	17 91	12 82	5 00	14 51	6 40	19 24	8 25	3 00	2 50			36 00	105 00	58 85	718 31	1 88	10	38	450	57
15. Martinsville.....	73 13	21 00	21 37	7 00	24 19	6 19	32 06	9 00	4 00	3 00	7 04		44 88	17 50	43 00	1269 71	5 36	1	17	150	
16. Patrick.....	36 57	13 30	10 69	3 88	12 09	4 39	16 03	5 83	2 35	2 04			40 00	175 00	50 00	638 62	1 70	7	50	400	
17. Meadows of Dan.....			7 48	4 23	11 22		11 22	1 30						165 55	2 00	238 70	69	11	40	549	
18. South Boston.....	40 00	34 73	11 00	8 81	10 58	1 50	11 00	2 00			4 49		60 00	164 32	51 55	1153 87	7 69	1	13	91	1
19. Halifax.....	47 53	40 73	13 89	5 00	15 71	7 00	20 84	8 00	5 00	5 00			18 10	170 00	141 00	1018 47	2 25	3	26	177	
20. East Halifax.....	25 59	4 00	7 48		8 48	1 25	11 22	1 75	75	75			69 56	190 00	162 50	708 48	2 10	5	35	255	70
Totals for 1896.....	1170 00	743 22	342 00	212 76	387 00	219 04	513 00	280 00	98 80	89 89	76 17	52 78	1367 49	7323 16	5882 46	33847 07	4 30	114	867	8604	559
Totals for 1895.....	1170 00	743 25	324 00	207 08	450 00	258 45	450 00	272 72		99 67	78 91	26 50	2643 13	6766 92	9272 93	37880 83	4 79	110	870	8604	314
Increase			18 00	5 68			63 00	7 28	98 80			26 28		556 24				4			245
Decrease		03			63 00	39 41				9 78	2 74		1275 64		3390 47	4033 76	49		3		

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.													EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.								
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.						Deaths	Re-mov's	With-dr'w's	Expul-sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.			LOSSES.										No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
										Profes-sion of Faith.	Certifi-cate and other-wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re-mov's	With-dr'w's	Total Losses.											
1. Main Street.....	1	3	3	496	.....	496	524	.....	28	8	35	43	6	63	2	.....	71	1	46	1	\$45000 00	1	\$5000 00	\$ 5000 00
2. Cabell Street.....	43	2	238	238	173	65	43	22	65	1	75	1	3000 00	
3. Mt. Vernon and Sunnyside,	1	.....	5	380	.....	380	396	.....	16	1	16	17	2	30	1	.....	33	1	40	2	20600 00	1	4000 00	1500 00
4. Floyd Street.....	.....	.....	2	153	.....	153	188	.....	35	.....	2	2	2	23	12	.....	37	.....	...	1	1500 00	.....	.....	100 00
5. Calvary.....	1	32	2	436	436	369	67	44	53	97	10	17	3	30	1	65	1	25000 00	1	5500 00	
6. Pittsylvania.....	.....	4	.....	505	1	506	541	.....	35	6	.....	6	5	21	12	3	41	.....	.....	8	5300 00	.....	.....	525 00
7. Chatham.....	.....	27	3	520	.....	520	464	56	.....	53	21	74	2	2	13	1	18	.....	.....	7	7000 00	1	800 00	125 00
8. Cascade.....	.....	10	17	382	.....	382	429	.....	47	15	1	16	3	57	.....	3	63	.....	.....	9	7650 00	1	800 00	150 00
9. North Pittsylvania...	3	16	3	462	1	463	463	.....	.....	36	.....	36	4	32	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	6	6000 00	1	1000 00	25 00
10. South Staunton.....	152	152	161	9	5	5	2	12	14	3	1200 00	
11. Franklin.....	.....	35	.....	577	1	578	537	41	.....	50	4	54	1	12	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	6	8500 00	1	2200 00	500 00
12. East Franklin.....	4	100	6	876	876	830	46	108	2	110	11	44	6	3	64	5	5000 00	1	1000 00	
13. West Franklin.....	3	16	2	420	.....	420	403	17	.....	34	6	40	6	16	1	.....	23	2	45	7	3000 00	.....	.....	75 00
14. Henry.....	26	3	380	2	382	424	42	32	5	37	7	72	79	5	5000 00	
15. Martinsville.....	1	1	1	237	.....	237	240	.....	3	1	12	13	1	14	1	.....	16	1	42	1	5000 00	1	2500 00	1000 00
16. Patrick.....	1	36	1	374	3	377	338	39	.....	39	10	49	2	5	.....	3	10	.....	.....	7	5100 00	.....	.....	250 00
17. Meadows of Dan.....	6	24	340	4	344	444	100	24	8	32	2	125	...	5	132	4	2615 00	
18. South Boston.....	.....	.....	1	148	2	150	157	.....	7	2	13	15	2	18	2	.....	22	1	62	1	5000 00	1	2500 00	250 00
19. Halifax.....	5	6	453	453	482	29	7	1	8	6	20	11	37	5	4300 00	1	1000 00	
20. East Halifax.....	.....	22	.....	337	.....	337	340	.....	3	31	4	35	6	13	19	.....	38	.....	.....	3	3200 00	.....	.....	150 00
Totals for 1896.....	21	400	57	7866	14	7880	7903	.....	23	539	215	754	80	596	83	18	777	8	375	83	168965 00	11	26300 00	9650 00		
Totals for 1895.....	22	564	52	7892	11	7903	7974	.....	71	732	871	1603	67	1055	62	43	1227	1	26	79	188578 45	12	33200 00	4125 00		
Increase.....	5	3	193	656	849	459	25	450	7	349	4	5525 00		
Decrease.....	1	164	26	23	71	1	6900 00		

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W M S.	Raised by R. B'ds
Farmville District....	J. H. Riddick, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Farmville.....	T. McN. Simpson...	44 23	212 00	212 00	1600 00	1600 00	.....	104 23	32 77	178 00	50 00	98 06	24 33
2. Prince Edward.....	J. B. Chitty and B. P. Warwick,	2 00	60 00	34 00	500 00	340 70	185 30	7 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
3. Prospect.....	J. H. Proctor.....	.....	96 00	87 75	775 00	718 55	64 70	33 00	.....	62 00	.....	48 70	43 05
4. Charlotte.....	A. B. Sharpe.....	1 00	47 00	47 00	363 00	338 71	24 29	31 00	.....	48 21	.....	.....	.....
5. West Buckingham.....	A. S. J. Rice.....	.....	50 00	44 15	366 00	317 73	54 12	27 00	.....	41 00	.....	.....	.....
6. Buckingham.....	E. P. Parham.....	.....	65 00	40 00	550 00	366 93	208 07	13 00	.....	16 71	.....	.....	.....
7. Cumberland.....	Jno. O. Moss.....	2 00	103 00	86 14	762 00	680 67	98 19	40 00	.....	80 00	.....	14 70	5 80
8. Amelia.....	E. V. Carson.....	15 00	61 00	58 50	634 00	594 00	42 50	26 00	.....	28 00	.....	22 00	16 00
9. Burkeville.....	J. L. Spencer.....	4 40	70 00	56 28	530 00	426 07	117 65	27 50	.....	82 00	.....	23 00	15 00
10. Crewe.....	R. F. Gayle.....	1 00	90 00	90 00	900 00	900 00	.....	58 00	.....	86 00	10 00	58 10	93 00
11. Blackstone.....	J. M. Anderson.....	1 00	101 00	98 00	859 00	835 54	26 46	64 00	.....	107 00	.....	.....	19 75
. Lunenburg.....	Jno. M. Burton.....	2 00	129 00	129 00	950 00	950 00	.....	90 00	.....	150 00	.....	13 68	32 40
13. West Lunenburg.....	A. L. Franklin.....	.....	27 00	19 40	210 00	150 63	66 97	4 00	.....	7 25	.....	.....	.....
14. Mecklenburg.....	J. D. Forkner.....	.....	83 00	73 40	680 00	601 02	88 58	35 00	.....	46 00	.....	.....	.....
15. North Mecklenburg...	D. J. Traynham.....	.....	122 00	111 36	852 00	777 98	84 66	54 00	.....	68 27	.....	.....	.....
16. Boydton.....	W. E. Thompson...	21 50	84 00	84 00	850 00	850 00	.....	110 00	5 23	155 50	9 20	55 00	11 00
17. Chase City.....	W. P. Jordan.....	16 00	127 00	117 83	840 00	780 02	69 15	38 00	.....	61 00	5 00	.....	.....
18. Clarksville.....	J. W. Baker.....	.....	58 00	43 50	454 00	365 60	102 90	10 00	4 25	13 00	4 29	22 00	16 00
19. South of Dan.....	T. P. Duke.....	1 00	54 00	44 87	451 00	384 30	75 83	16 24	.....	17 52	.....	.....	.....
20. Hyco.....	O. L. Martin.....	33 50	81 00	51 08	600 00	370 41	259 51	20 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1896.....	144 63	1720 00	1528 26	13726 00	12348 86	1568 88	807 97	42 25	1307 46	78 49	355 24	276 33
	Totals for 1895.....	142 27	1737 00	1480 64	14277 00	12326 13	2207 23	918 08	50 00	1510 79	108 13	305 51	332 50
	Increase.....	2 36	47 62	22 73	49 73
	Decrease.....	17 00	551 00	638 35	110 11	7 75	203 83	29 64	56 17

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Farmville.....	\$132 00	\$ 132 00	\$ 38 00	\$ 38 00	\$ 44 00	\$ 44 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 58 00	\$.....	\$ 20 00	\$ 8 63	\$ 5 00	\$ 75 16	\$.....	\$ 476 47	\$ 3200 88	\$12 21	1	25	208	.....
2. Prince Edward.....	.....	24 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 00	2 50	2 00	52 00	.....	250 00	732 70	1 92	4	30	200	14
3. Prospect.....	60 00	51 00	16 00	15 00	23 00	12 00	23 00	12 00	.....	4 00	10 00	3 00	53 65	106 00	82 50	1342 20	2 16	7	39	385	.....
4. Charlotte.....	30 00	30 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	13 00	13 00	.....	5 00	.....	4 67	19 16	55 00	273 09	884 84	2 11	3	15	119	20
5. West Buckingham.....	30 00	23 25	9 00	6 95	10 00	7 75	13 00	10 00	.....	4 00	.....	2 00	5 00	45 00	175 00	708 83	1 52	5	46	190	.....
6. Buckingham	45 00	18 55	13 00	5 00	15 00	6 00	20 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	6 40	1 14	10 00	.....	285 00	783 73	1 47	6	24	200	.....
7. Cumberland	65 00	33 45	19 00	10 00	22 00	11 00	28 00	14 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	25 00	106 00	113 00	1227 76	2 52	4	41	216	2
8. Amelia.....	43 00	23 25	13 00	7 00	14 00	6 00	18 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	4 25	.....	60 00	131 00	330 00	1333 00	3 87	5	24	320	28
9. Burkeville.....	50 00	27 00	15 00	11 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	9 91	.....	52 60	140 00	129 90	1004 66	2 65	5	60	229	13
10. Crewe	56 00	56 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00	24 00	24 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	6 06	96 11	418 65	369 83	2326 75	7 03	1	18	172	35
11. Blackstone	62 00	62 00	18 00	18 00	21 00	21 00	27 00	27 00	11 00	10 00	14 25	2 50	85 00	146 00	200 00	1722 04	4 30	2	38	277	75
12. Lunenburg.....	80 00	83 00	24 00	24 00	27 00	27 00	35 00	35 00	14 00	12 00	9 10	1 76	86 28	113 35	54 52	1827 09	3 55	5	59	324	30
13. West Lunenburg.....	18 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	6 00	1 00	8 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	208 28	99	1	5	30	.....
14. Mecklenburg	50 00	26 00	15 00	7 50	17 00	5 00	23 00	6 00	3 00	4 00	7 50	1 00	16 40	.....	50 00	881 82	2 31	4	32	210	25
15. North Mecklenburg...	77 00	38 00	22 00	11 00	25 00	12 00	34 00	17 00	6 00	4 00	10 00	1 00	35 00	100 00	15 00	1260 61	1 66	9	48	402	21
16. Boydton	56 00	106 50	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00	24 00	24 00	10 00	9 00	.....	.....	23 00	829 00	109 42	2446 35	23 74	1	12	65	10
17. Chase City.....	80 00	38 00	23 00	9 50	27 00	11 50	35 00	13 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	64 66	.....	142 16	1298 67	3 63	4	35	235	.....
18. Clarksville.....	40 00	15 00	12 00	5 00	13 00	4 00	18 00	6 00	.....	2 00	3 08	.....	45 00	138 00	140 00	836 72	3 41	4	36	200	8
19. South of Dan.....	34 00	14 42	10 00	4 91	11 00	4 11	15 00	7 48	1 37	2 47	11 81	1 23	31 00	.....	120 48	663 21	1 90	6	40	259	28
20. Hycos.....	50 00	30 00	15 00	9 00	17 00	10 00	23 00	10 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	53 78	165 00	25 00	837 77	1 80	5	34	256	6
Totals for 1896.....	1105 00	836 42	323 00	227 86	366 00	228 36	484 00	293 98	66 37	104 47	106 43	33 36	888 80	2511 00	3341 37	25527 91	3 19	82	661	4497	315
Totals for 1895.....	1105 00	861 15	306 00	230 28	425 00	285 34	425 00	288 84	.....	100 57	145 23	45 62	871 64	5031 47	2251 08	27285 57	3 33	93	701	4757	275
Increase.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	59 00	5 14	66 37	3 90	.....	.....	17 16	.....	1090 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Decrease.....	.....	24 73	.....	2 42	59 00	56 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 80	12 26	.....	2520 47	.....	1757 66	14	11	40	260	.....

FARMVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.										No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.		Value of all other Church Property.	
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.						LOSSES.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Value.	No.								Value.
1. Farmville.....		1	2	262	.....	262	272	.....	10	3	15	18	2	25	1	.....	28	1	49	1	\$ 12000 00	2	\$ 4000 00	\$ 750 00
2. Prince Edward.....		15	3	379	2	381	352	29	.....	39	4	43	2	9	3	.....	14	.....	.....	4	4750 00	1	650 00	545 00
3. Prospect.....	1	4	3	621	.....	621	637	.....	16	4	1	5	3	18	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	5	5000 00	1	1500 00	200 00
4. Charlotte.....		36	3	420	.....	420	380	40	.....	52	22	74	12	19	3	.....	34	.....	.....	5	3500 00	.....	.....	400 00
5. West Buckingham.....		31	2	464	1	465	440	25	.....	33	1	34	4	4	1	.....	9	.....	.....	6	3200 00	.....	.....	30 00
6. Buckingham		15	1	532	.....	532	525	7	.....	18	3	21	6	8	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	5	3500 00	1	400 00	90 00
7. Cumberland	1	.....	8	488	.....	488	485	3	.....	2	10	12	5	3	1	.....	9	.....	.....	5	9000 00	1	600 00	200 00
8. Amelia.....	1	78	7	344	.....	344	421	.....	77	96	8	104	2	177	2	.....	181	1	32	4	4000 00	1	1000 00	150 00
9. Burkeville.....	1	19	.....	377	2	379	227	152	.....	28	159	187	3	17	15	.....	35	.....	.....	6	6100 00	.....	.....	500 00
10. Crewe	1	54	20	331	.....	331	273	58	.....	83	14	97	5	28	6	.....	39	1	86	2	4200 00	1	1500 00	1450 00
11. Blackstone.....		32	5	400	.....	400	.....	400	.....	72	339	411	5	6	.....	.....	11	1	60	2	4000 00	1	2000 00	300 00
12. Lunenburg.....	3	18	20	515	.....	515	519	.....	4	41	5	46	3	44	3	.....	50	.....	.....	4	3500 00	1	2000 00	200 00
13. West Lunenburg.....	1	33	1	211	.....	211	223	.....	12	63	3	66	2	76	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	5	2200 00	.....	.....	.....
14. Mecklenburg		10	8	381	.....	381	381	.....	.....	20	3	23	5	16	2	.....	23	.....	.....	4	3800 00	1	1000 00	200 00
15. North Mecklenburg...	2	18	3	760	.....	760	768	.....	8	38	3	41	16	20	13	.....	49	.....	.....	8	6900 00	1	1000 00	200 00
16. Boydton		2	6	102	1	103	87	16	.....	12	6	18	.....	1	1	.....	2	1	30	1	2500 00	1	2000 00	150 00
17. Chase City.....		6	1	358	.....	358	364	.....	6	10	11	21	11	13	3	.....	27	.....	.....	4	3200 00	1	800 00	100 00
18. Clarksville.....		8	8	245	.....	245	281	.....	36	12	8	20	.....	7	2	47	56	1	26	4	3000 00	1	800 00	500 00
19. South of Dan.....		16	.....	349	.....	349	349	.....	.....	16	4	20	1	19	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	4	3000 00	1	800 00	100 00
20 Hyco	2	11	.....	465	.....	465	482	.....	17	23	3	26	3	40	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	3	3500 00	1	1000 00	250 00
Totals for 1896.....	13	407	101	8004	6	8010	8182	.....	172	665	622	1287	90	550	56	47	743	6	283	82	95850 00	17	21050 00	6315 00		
Totals for 1895.....	12	240	58	8177	5	8182	7723	459	.....	441	238	679	77	544	41	5	667	2	57	88	97800 00	17	20350 00	9495 00		
Increase	1	167	43	1	459	224	384	608	13	6	15	42	76	4	226	700 00			
Decrease				173		172														6	1950 00			3180 00			

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S. Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S. Sch's	Raised by W. M. S	Raised by R. B'ds.
Petersburg District.	T. H. Campbell, P.E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Washington Street.....	W. E. Edwards.....	45 00	231 00	231 00	2300 00	2300 00	.....	198 55	28 43	198 55	28 42	460 44	.....
2. Market Street.....	R. T. Wilson.....	.....	181 00	181 00	1800 00	1800 00	.....	200 00	.....	333 05	.....	154 80	15 00
3. High Street.....	W. C. Vaden.....	.....	151 00	151 00	1600 00	1600 00	.....	50 58	11 66	137 42	40 00	.....	33 99
4. Wesley.....	J. W. Carroll.....	.....	91 00	91 00	800 00	800 00	.....	23 10	3 45	33 00	3 45	30 02	25 31
5. Blandford.....	R. E. Barrett.....	.....	30 00	30 00	300 00	300 00	.....	12 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
6. West Street.....	L. C. Shearer.....	.....	40 00	40 00	300 00	300 00	.....	10 00	12 81	8 00	8 00	9 53	.....
7. Ettrick.....	McDaniel Rucker..	.....	65 00	65 00	725 00	725 00	.....	23 47	14 53	45 00	20 00	23 95	.....
8. Matoaca	R. E. Bentley.....	.....	40 00	36 25	400 00	362 00	41 75	18 00	.....	33 00	.....	.....	4 50
9. Dinwiddie	N. B. Foushee.....	.....	68 00	61 61	675 00	611 58	69 81	20 00	.....	55 00	.....	7 00	27 00
10. East Dinwiddie.....	J. E. R. Riddick....	.....	71 00	71 00	650 00	650 00	.....	17 50	.....	37 00	.....	.....	.....
11. West Dinwiddie.....	Bascom Dey.....	.....	60 00	60 00	600 00	600 00	.....	15 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	62 75
12. Nottoway.....	C. W. Cain.....	25 00	40 00	28 37	660 00	468 19	203 44	15 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	12 00
13. Prince George.....	J. B. DeBerry.....	.....	66 00	61 97	660 00	563 38	100 65	40 00	.....	68 00	.....	3 00	13 89
14. Wakefield.	J. T. Moore.....	2 40	63 00	61 50	625 00	609 90	16 60	12 00	.....	73 00	.....	.....	20 35
15. Sussex.....	C. W. Turner .....	.....	56 00	56 00	700 00	700 00	.....	12 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	18 70
16. Greenville.....	R. H. Younger.....	62 00	75 00	63 70	715 00	625 36	100 94	5 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....
17. South Brunswick.....	W. R. Smithey....	21 00	77 00	69 41	750 00	733 23	24 36	40 00	.....	70 00	.....	5 00	.....
18. Brunswick.....	R. M. Maxey.....	.....	85 00	63 56	895 00	746 00	170 40	67 00	.....	104 00	.....	.....	.....
19. West Brunswick.....	J. W. Nicholson....	.....	70 00	70 00	700 00	700 00	.....	10 89	.....	40 00	.....	.....	35 00
20. Surry.....	J. B. Askew.....	.....	46 00	38 44	470 00	393 61	84 94	22 00	.....	33 10	1 15	.....	.....
	Totals for 1896.....	155 40	1606 00	1530 81	16325 00	15588 25	805 94	812 09	70 88	1356 12	101 02	693 74	268 49
	Totals for 1895.....	100 85	1800 00	1687 12	15927 00	15074 00	965 88	628 19	72 16	1224 51	123 80	573 59	278 83
	Increase	54 55	398 00	514 25	183 90	131 61	120 15
	Decrease	194 00	156 31	152 94	1 28	22 78	10 34

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
	\$180 00	\$180 00	\$ 52 00	\$ 52 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 79 00	\$ 79 00	\$ 32 00	\$ 27 00	\$ 13 02	\$ 1 00	\$ 241 47	\$.....	\$ 1872 25	\$ 6046 13	\$ 9 98	1	48	400	9
1. Washington Street.....																					
2. Market Street.....	140 00	140 00	41 00	41 00	46 00	46 00	62 00	62 00	25 00	22 00	8 95	10 00	186 31	1119 37	1755 69	6100 17	14 88	1	39	212	30
3. High Street.....	117 00	80 0 0	37 00	15 00	39 00	14 00	51 00	17 00	.....	7 00	7 61	2 00	258 80	.....	155 46	2581 52	5 12	2	45	298	.....
4. Wesley.....	70 00	27 00	20 00	5 00	23 00	6 00	30 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	102 73	333 97	197 16	1696 19	6 66	1	19	171	16
5. Blandford.....	23 00	10 00	6 00	4 00	8 00	5 00	10 00	6 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	35 71	7 63	92 39	515 73	4 06	1	10	65	26
6. West Street.....	31 00	6 00	9 00	1 20	10 00	1 20	14 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	1 58	60	89 93	.....	219 03	711 88	4 90	1	22	118	12
7. Ettrick.....	50 00	38 00	14 00	9 00	17 00	13 00	22 00	16 00	6 00	6 00	6 84	3 29	135 53	124 98	208 50	1484 09	5 12	1	33	217	3
8. Matoaca.....	31 00	18 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	6 00	14 00	8 00	4 00	2 00	.....	2 00	71 43	305 68	73 46	953 32	4 93	1	24	150	11
9. Dinwiddie.....	52 00	48 00	15 00	15 00	17 00	10 00	23 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	9 00	4 00	45 00	238 08	39 18	1208 45	2 43	7	77	354	10
10. East Dinwiddie.....	55 00	20 00	16 00	5 00	18 00	5 00	24 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	8 00	.....	72 77	30 00	16 00	941 27	1 50	6	65	350	29
11. West Dinwiddie.....	47 00	35 00	14 00	9 00	16 00	6 00	20 00	8 00	.....	3 00	5 50	.....	65 20	300 00	75 00	1269 45	2 96	6	51	230	21
12. Nottoway.....	31 00	20 00	9 00	3 00	10 00	4 00	14 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 17	.....	38 06	75 00	70 00	788 79	1 72	7	77	273	4
13. Prince George.	51 00	51 00	15 00	15 00	17 00	17 00	22 00	22 00	.....	8 00	22 62	5 00	170 05	203 64	40 60	1305 15	2 86	7	68	345	15
14. Wakefield.....	48 00	30 00	14 00	11 00	17 00	10 00	21 00	7 00	4 00	3 00	8 23	5 00	74 47	179 70	110 57	1222 12	5 05	4	36	206	.....
15. Sussex.....	43 00	43 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	7 75	19 00	19 00	.....	7 00	.....	2 00	53 32	260 00	40 00	1257 77	2 21	7	58	214	40
16. Greenville.....	58 00	4 00	16 00	1 50	19 00	1 50	25 00	2 00	.....	.....	3 35	.....	89 58	218 50	50 00	1134 49	3 65	6	30	304	12
17. South Brunswick.....	52 00	35 00	15 00	10 00	17 00	12 00	23 00	15 00	6 00	5 00	3 87	1 69	10 50	45 00	.....	1082 70	1 43	7	30	475	6
18. Brunswick.....	66 00	66 00	19 00	19 00	22 00	22 00	28 00	26 00	.....	.....	5 22	.....	.....	363 00	185 82	1667 60	2 29	6	32	259	20
19. West Brunswick.....	54 00	54 00	16 00	10 00	18 00	10 00	24 00	10 00	.....	2 00	5 00	1 26	35 00	75 00	100 00	1158 15	2 04	6	40	300	15
20. Surry.....	36 00	21 00	10 00	6 00	12 00	7 00	16 00	9 50	4 00	4 00	2 00	58	18 87	.....	42 00	603 25	2 16	2	16	72	18
Totals for 1896.....	1235 00	926 00	361 00	254 70	408 00	261 45	541 00	333 00	92 00	110 50	115 96	40 42	1794 73	3879 55	5343 11	33728 22	3 99	80	819	5013	297
Totals for 1895.....	1235 00	963 65	312 00	264 99	475 00	297 50	475 00	321 43	.....	114 50	183 72	59 14	1804 96	3536 19	5807 23	33116 36	4 18	74	711	5202	251
Increase.....			19 00				66 00	11 57	92 00					343 36		611 86		6	108		46
Decrease.....		37 65		10 29	67 00	36 05				4 00	67 76	18 72	10 23		464 12		19			189	

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.										No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.									
1. Washington Street.....	3	7	7	606	.....	606	610	.....	4	15	26	41	10	34	1	.....	45	1	240	1	\$30000 00	1	\$5000 00	\$ 3000 00
2. Market Street.....	2	16	5	410	.....	410	367	43	.....	41	31	72	9	19	1	.....	29	2	150	1	20000 00	1	3000 00	4500 00
3. High Street.....		3	7	504	.....	504	494	10	.....	8	22	30	6	14	.....	.....	20	1	47	1	12000 00	1	3000 00	1600 00
4. Wesley.....		6	6	266	.....	266	276	.....	10	16	4	20	2	16	12	.....	30	.....	.....	1	5000 00	1	1200 00	1000 00
5. Blandford.....		12	8	127	.....	127	119	8	.....	15	2	17	3	1	5	.....	9	.....	.....	1	2000 00	.....	.....	.....
6. West Street.....		9	3	145	.....	145	179	.....	34	16	8	24	4	10	44	.....	58	.....	.....	1	1000 00	.....	.....	500 00
7. Ettrick.....	1	4	6	290	.....	290	260	30	.....	11	34	45	7	3	5	.....	15	1	46	1	2000 00	1	1000 00	500 00
8. Matoaca.....		9	.....	193	.....	193	271	.....	78	14	3	17	6	89	.....	.....	95	.....	.....	1	1800 00	.....	.....	300 00
9. Dinwiddie.....		5	8	499	.....	499	511	.....	12	16	1	17	5	23	1	.....	29	1	35	7	6000 00	1	1000 00	200 00
10. East Dinwiddie.....		8	13	627	.....	627	615	12	.....	19	.....	19	1	6	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	6	4200 00	1	1000 00	600 00
11. West Dinwiddie.....		7	2	427	1	428	420	8	.....	23	16	39	3	22	6	.....	31	.....	.....	6	6500 00	1	800 00	475 00
12. Nottoway.....		5	5	455	1	456	716	.....	260	8	.....	8	4	263	1	.....	268	.....	.....	6	4000 00	.....	.....	400 00
13. Prince George.....		35	4	456	.....	456	334	122	.....	48	82	130	5	3	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	7	4800 00	1	1500 00	750 00
14. Wakefield.....		7	.....	240	.....	240	233	7	.....	9	6	15	2	6	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	4	5000 00	1	1200 00	600 00
15. Sussex.....	1	20	2	567	1	568	543	25	.....	32	.....	32	4	3	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	8	7000 00	1	1200 00	200 00
16. Greenville.....		12	4	310	.....	310	414	.....	104	20	.....	20	10	114	.....	.....	124	.....	.....	6	4000 00	1	1250 00	150 00
17. South Brunswick.....	2	8	5	753	.....	753	746	7	.....	11	4	15	8	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	7	5000 00	1	1000 00	400 00
18. Brunswick.....		10	15	728	.....	728	700	28	.....	31	16	47	3	8	8	.....	19	.....	.....	7	5900 00	1	1200 00	200 00
19. West Brunswick.....	1	20	22	566	.....	566	554	12	.....	27	2	29	8	9	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	5	4000 00	1	1000 00	550 00
20. Surry.....		22	.....	279	.....	279	268	11	.....	26	2	28	4	3	10	.....	17	.....	.....	3	1800 00	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1896.....	10	225	122	8448	3	8451	7914	537	.....	406	259	665	104	646	94	.....	844	6	518	80	132000 00	15	24350 00	15925 00
Totals for 1895.....	12	197	63	7912	2	7914	8007	365	.....	452	245	697	117	267	60	.....	444	4	362	75	131425 00	15	21850 00	15120 00
Increase.....		28	59	536	1	537	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	379	34	.....	400	2	156	5	575 00	.....	2500 00	805 00
Decrease.....	2									46		32	13													

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
Portsmouth District	J. H. Amiss, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Monumental.....	L. B. Betty	45 00	215 00	215 00	2200 00	2200 00	.....	184 00	.....	307 00	.....	323 86	45 94
2. Central.....	W. H. Edwards.....	3 50	146 00	146 00	1500 00	1500 00	.....	100 00	.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....
3. Wright Memorial.....	J. T. Bosman.....	.....	136 00	136 00	1400 00	1400 00	.....	21 00	.....	39 54	20 00	.....	.....
4. Effingham Street.....	J. K. Jolliff.....	.....	42 00	35 25	600 00	507 25	99 50	10 85	.....	18 29	.....	.....	.....
5. Park View.....	W. R. Proctor.....	.....	48 00	48 00	800 00	800 00	.....	38 00	.....	68 00	.....	.....	36 83
6. Norfolk Circuit.....	C. H. Boggs.....	.....	58 00	58 00	900 00	900 00	.....	9 00	.....	23 00	.....	.....	22 00
7. Churchland and West Norfolk.	S. S. Lambeth.....	.....	112 00	84 00	1150 00	876 44	301 56	35 00	18 77	42 71	14 25	51 87	10 00
8. Suffolk.....	H. C. Cheatham.....	.....	156 00	156 00	1600 00	1600 00	.....	135 00	.....	164 00	60 30	100 97	38 51
9. East Suffolk and Magnolia.	D. B. Austin.....	.....	15 00	15 00	250 00	250 00	.....	8 25	.....	12 00	.....	.....	13 95
10. Windsor.....	C. H. Green.....	3 00	41 00	32 80	649 00	536 00	121 20	18 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	4 40
11. Ebenezer.....	G. F. Greene.....	6 85	42 00	30 00	575 00	575 00	12 00	17 00	.....	14 00	.....	.....	18 15
12. Isle of Wight.....	C. H. McGhee.....	.....	98 00	89 62	935 00	852 59	90 79	33 00	.....	55 00	.....	.....	7 17
13. Smithfield.....	W. F. Hayes.....	17 00	48 00	48 00	800 00	800 00	.....	25 00	.....	45 00	.....	37 56	26 56
14. Bennis.....	R. S. Baughn.....	.....	41 00	30 28	659 00	569 74	99 98	20 00	.....	35 00	.....	.....	12 70
15. Newsoms.....	W. E. Allen.....	.....	73 00	71 64	755 00	742 37	13 99	40 00	.....	66 25	.....	.....	.....
16. Southampton.....	C. C. Wertenbaker.....	.....	88 00	78 00	950 00	899 75	60 25	63 36	.....	93 07	25 93	.....	34 50
17. Boykins.....	M. S. Colonna.....	.....	48 00	48 00	800 00	800 00	.....	42 00	.....	71 00	.....	.....	27 00
18. Whaleyville and Somerton.	J. A. Thomas.....	.....	36 00	29 50	580 00	476 14	110 36	24 88	.....	24 00	26 00	.....	.....
19. Hampton and West End.	E. M. Peterson and G. H. Lambeth.	.....	173 00	173 00	2000 00	2000 00	.....	40 00	36 54	80 60	100 00	57 63	63 85
20. Fox Hill.....	V. W. Bargamin.....	.....	36 00	36 00	600 00	600 00	.....	12 00	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1896.....	75 35	1652 00	1560 09	19703 00	18885 28	909 63	876 34	55 31	1355 46	246 48	571 89	361 56
	Totals for 1895.....	160 01	1500 00	1444 84	20035 00	19095 50	994 66	951 71	71 30	1520 77	268 51	655 41	411 90
	Increase.....	.....	152 00	115 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Decrease.....	84 66	.....	.....	332 00	210 22	85 03	75 37	15 99	165 31	22 03	83 52	50 34

PASTORAL CHARGES.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EX-TENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Monumental.....	\$177 00	\$ 177 00	\$ 52 00	\$ 52 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 78 00	\$ 78 00	\$ 31 00	\$ 27 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 312 33	\$ 867 39	\$3057 78	\$ 7988 80	\$11 75	1	48	380	20
2. Central.....	119 00	119 00	35 00	35 00	39 00	31 00	52 00	30 00	2 66	19 00	.....	.....	167 59	403 14	668 76	3375 65	6 46	1	39	211	12
3. Wright Memorial.....	113 00	75 00	33 00	30 00	37 00	20 00	49 00	21 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 16	.....	481 18	574 38	2833 26	6 83	1	36	265	3
4. Effingham Street.....	34 00	14 46	10 00	3 10	11 00	3 40	15 00	4 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	373 52	223 23	1319 00	9 23	1	16	102	14
5. Park View.....	41 00	41 00	12 00	12 00	14 00	14 00	18 00	18 00	7 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	175 00	.....	650 96	1919 79	14 54	1	29	198	4
6. Norfolk Circuit.....	48 00	30 00	13 00	12 00	10 00	6 00	23 00	4 00	.....	.....	24 00	1 00	75 00	60 00	100 00	1324 00	5 40	5	28	242	12
7. Churchland and West Norfolk	92 00	30 00	27 00	10 00	36 00	8 00	40 00	8 00	.....	.....	4 24	11 30	49 63	3 75	104 35	1362 31	10 01	2	10	86	1
8. Suffolk.....	130 00	130 00	38 00	38 00	43 00	43 00	57 00	57 00	12 00	20 00	23 00	16 26	181 71	159 05	1123 39	4058 19	9 16	1	31	255	19
9. East Suffolk and Magnolia	14 00	7 00	4 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	6 87	1 00	32 01	234 00	159 43	749 51	5 99	2	20	100	3
10. Windsor	34 00	17 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	15 00	7 50	3 00	2 50	3 39	1 00	24 75	119 20	74 60	887 14	4 14	3	24	145	11
11. Ebenezer.....	34 00	16 00	10 00	5 00	11 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	5 57	1 25	53 46	108 98	87 60	953 36	8 51	1	18	119	3
12. Isle of Wight.....	82 00	32 00	24 00	10 00	27 00	10 00	36 00	14 00	6 00	3 91	.....	.....	21 82	33 70	182 79	1351 60	3 18	3	26	163	.....
13. Smithfield	41 00	30 00	12 00	8 00	14 00	8 00	18 00	10 00	3 50	3 00	2 53	2 00	59 00	497 50	141 75	1764 40	9 80	1	23	99	6
14. Benns.....	34 00	34 00	10 00	7 00	11 00	4 50	15 00	10 00	.....	6 06	.....	.....	59 08	.....	275 60	1063 96	3 69	3	45	213	10
15. Newsoms.....	61 00	41 71	18 00	11 25	20 00	12 50	27 00	16 75	6 85	6 25	20 00	2 00	53 76	90 00	186 65	1367 98	1 91	7	77	437	8
16. Southampton.....	72 00	72 00	21 00	16 00	24 00	19 00	31 00	23 00	10 00	9 00	13 99	5 00	200 36	905 66	269 98	2738 60	5 21	8	84	577	.....
17. Boykins.....	41 00	40 00	12 00	12 00	14 00	12 00	18 00	16 00	.....	5 00	6 00	.....	.....	5 99	75 00	1753 00	3 76	8	75	425	19
18. Whaleyville and Somerton	31 00	31 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	13 00	13 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	288 80	950 32	3 71	2	21	152	11
19. Hampton and West End	136 00	83 25	40 00	25 00	45 00	20 00	60 00	30 00	.....	2 00	24 40	.....	182 00	804 02	1000 53	4722 82	11 51	2	44	318	7
20. Fox Hill.....	31 00	29 50	9 00	8 00	10 00	4 00	13 00	5 00	1 50	1 50	10 00	.....	139 69	496 71	67 42	1428 32	7 07	1	26	248	12
Totals for 1896.....	1365 00	1049 92	399 00	310 35	451 00	297 40	599 00	373 90	99 01	125 22	154 49	50 97	1913 19	6236 80	9313 00	43912 01	6 62	54	720	4735	175
Totals for 1895.....	1365 00	1002 50	378 00	304 29	525 00	345 76	525 00	356 76	.....	124 44	184 61	69 09	2012 30	8075 36	7723 16	44778 22	6 77	54	699	4659	136
Increase.....	47 42	21 00	6 06	74 00	17 14	99 01	78	99 11	1838 56	1589 84	21	76	39
Decrease.....	74 00	48 36	29 12	18 12	99 11	1838 56	806 21	15

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PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.												EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.							
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.	
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.						Total Losses.	No.	Value.	No.		Value.
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.									
1. Monumental.....	1	9	5	680	.....	680	676	4	.....	31	4	35	10	19	2	.....	31	1	150	2	\$45000 00	1	\$4000 00	\$ 3000 00
2. Central.....	1	7	25	522	.....	522	520	2	.....	19	15	34	7	25	.....	.....	32	1	130	1	14500 00	1	3500 00	2000 00
3. Wright Memorial.....	.....	3	20	415	.....	415	437	.....	22	5	2	7	9	15	5	.....	29	1	93	2	21900 00	1	1250 00	1100 00
4. Effingham Street.....	1	4	3	143	.....	143	159	.....	16	6	9	15	.....	31	.....	.....	31	1	60	1	9500 00	.....	.....	300 00
5. Park View.....	.....	6	14	132	.....	132	101	31	.....	11	28	39	3	3	2	.....	8	1	90	1	5500 00	.....	.....	1000 00
6. Norfolk Circuit.....	.....	15	13	215	30	245	238	7	.....	17	7	24	3	13	1	.....	17	.....	.....	5	7500 00	1	1500 00	400 00
7. Churchland and West Norfolk	.....	.....	1	136	.....	136	142	6	.....	1	5	6	1	11	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	2	5600 00	1	1500 00	450 00
8. Suffolk.....	.....	8	2	443	.....	443	450	.....	7	20	9	29	4	26	6	.....	36	2	113	1	15000 00	1	3000 00	2000 00
9. East Suffok and Magnolia	.....	3	.....	125	.....	125	120	5	.....	5	2	7	2	.....	.....	.....	2	1	26	2	3000 00	1	800 00	300 00
10. Windsor.....	.....	13	4	214	.....	214	220	.....	6	17	.....	17	6	14	1	2	23	.....	.....	4	5500 00	1	1200 00	250 00
11. Ebenezer.....	.....	6	1	112	.....	112	113	.....	1	7	10	17	2	16	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	1	3000 00	1	1250 00	200 00
12. Isle of Wight.....	.....	19	1	424	.....	424	393	31	.....	54	7	61	3	19	8	.....	30	.....	.....	4	9000 00	1	2000 00	300 00
13. Smithfield.....	.....	8	1	180	.....	180	171	9	.....	9	5	14	1	2	2	.....	5	1	42	1	3000 00	1	2500 00	500 00
14. Benns.....	.....	3	5	289	.....	289	337	.....	48	9	6	15	7	52	4	.....	63	1	28	3	3500 00	1	1250 00	400 00
15. Newsoms.....	1	25	4	716	1	717	708	9	.....	38	16	54	8	33	4	.....	45	.....	.....	5	5600 00	1	1400 00	325 00
16. Southampton.....	.....	17	2	525	.....	525	539	.....	14	27	9	36	16	34	.....	.....	50	1	23	6	9500 00	1	1300 00	450 00
17. Boykins.....	.....	22	1	466	.....	466	436	30	.....	40	12	52	6	16	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	5	6000 00	1	1400 00	400 00
18. Whaleyville and Somerton,	.....	20	2	256	.....	256	224	.....	32	29	9	38	1	4	1	.....	6	1	24	2	2500 00	.....	.....	200 00
19. Hampton and West End,	1	9	9	405	.....	405	425	.....	20	34	21	55	4	68	3	.....	75	1	35	2	10000 00	1	1500 00	.....
20. Fox Hill.....	.....	6	8	202	.....	202	205	.....	3	13	.....	13	1	8	5	2	16	.....	.....	2	2000 00	1	1000 00	250 00
Totals for 1896.....	5	203	121	6600	31	6631	6614	17	.....	392	176	568	94	409	44	4	551	13	814	52	187100 00	17	30350 00	13825 00
Totals for 1895.....	7	146	141	6576	38	6614	8527	527	.....	310	585	895	68	396	88	.....	552	6	244	51	187550 00	16	31250 00	13875 00
Increase	57	24	17	82	26	13	4	7	570	1	1	
Decrease	2	20	7	1913	409	327	44	1	450 00	900 00	50 00	

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.					MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
			PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's.	Raised by W.M.S.	Raised by R.B'ds.
Norfolk District.....	J. P. Garland, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Cumberland Street....	W. H. Atwill.....	60 03	270 00	270 00	2300 00	2300 00	.....	145 00	30 00	241 70	56 48	76 42	31 86
2. Epworth.....	W. J. Young.....	.....	376 00	376 00	3000 00	3000 00	.....	248 80	61 20	580 60	.....	271 83	112 49
3. Centenary.....	E. H. Rawlings.....	.....	138 00	138 00	1800 00	1800 00	.....	114 00	.....	190 00	.....	136 76	.....
4. Queen Street.....	J. W. Moore.....	13 50	117 00	117 00	1500 00	1500 00	.....	97 00	.....	161 00	.....	61 10	28 22
5. McKendree.....	R. H. Bennett.....	.....	116 00	116 00	1400 00	1400 00	.....	26 00	.....	100 00	.....	93 03	32 37
6. Lekies Memorial.....	J. T. Routten.....	.....	58 00	58 00	800 00	800 00	.....	48 00	.....	62 87	.....	.....	15 00
7. Trinity.....	C. W. Leftwich, B. M. Beckham	.....	42 00	37 00	660 00	577 00	88 00	24 00	.....	40 50	.....	11 15	13 74
8. Huntersville.....	J. G. Lennon.....	.....	11 00	10 00	500 00	447 70	53 30	9 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....
9. Chestnut St.....	R. M. Chandler.....	10 00	117 00	117 00	1500 00	1500 00	.....	74 00	.....	145 00	.....	100 00	18 38
10. Liberty St.....	E. A. Potts.....	.....	37 00	37 00	450 00	450 00	.....	16 00	.....	25 65	.....	.....	.....
11. South Norfolk.....	C. D. Crawley.....	.....	106 00	93 00	1000 00	922 00	91 00	50 00	.....	85 00	.....	.....	53 00
12. East Norfolk.....	J. D. Hank.....	.....	95 00	95 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	25 00	.....	50 00	.....	35 70	10 00
13. Oaklette & Gilmerton	W. B. Jett.....	.....	26 00	26 00	580 00	580 00	.....	21 00	.....	35 00	.....	.....	11 04
14. Lambert's Point.....	W. G. Boggs.....	.....	42 00	42 00	900 00	900 00	.....	10 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	18 20
15. Ebenezer and Lynnhaven,	T. J. Wray.....	10 00	32 00	32 00	625 00	625 00	.....	6 37	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
16. Princess Anne.....	J. S. Wallace.....	.....	95 00	95 00	950 00	950 00	.....	70 00	.....	131 00	.....	15 60	19 00
17. South Princess Anne,	W. W. Royall.....	.....	122 00	107 00	1100 00	970 00	145 00	85 00	.....	136 50	33 00	.....	26 00
	Totals for 1896.....	93 53	1800 00	1766 00	20165 00	19821 70	377 30	1069 17	91 20	2034 82	89 48	801 59	399 30
	Totals for 1895.....	76 40	1600 00	1593 46	21558 33	21465 40	99 47	1209 54	124 00	2300 44	81 45	530 60	419 23
	Increase.....	17 13	200 00	172 54	.....	.....	277 83	.....	.....	.....	8 03	270 99	.....
	Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	1393 33	1643 70	.....	140 37	32 80	265 62	.....	.....	19 93

NORFOLK DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.								Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.	Number.			Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions	
	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.														
1. Cumberland Street....	\$214 00	\$214 00	\$ 63 00	\$ 53 25	\$ 71 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 94 00	\$ 60 00	\$	\$10 00	\$ 8 85	\$ 6 00	\$193 95	\$202 00	\$1028 46	\$ 5038 00	\$ 7 77	1	41	315	6	
2. Epworth.....	299 00	299 00	87 00	87 00	99 00	99 00	131 00	131 00	53 00	46 00	15 00	20 00	545 79	16757 12	5270 21	27974 04	40 48	1	52	318	5	
3. Centenary.....	110 00	110 00	32 00	32 00	36 00	36 00	48 00	48 00	19 00	17 00	1 88	7 00	210 00	562 94	1197 31	4619 89	10 97	1	28	286	20	
4. Queen Street.....	93 00	93 00	27 00	27 00	31 00	31 00	41 00	41 00	17 00	14 00	10 85	1 00	174 65	52 71	1738 96	4178 99	6 96	1	36	330	8	
5. McKendree.....	92 00	92 00	27 00	27 00	30 00	30 00	40 00	40 00	16 00	14 00	.....	2 00	219 56	774 73	846 00	3828 69	7 45	1	39	298	25
6. Lekies Memorial.....	46 00	46 00	13 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 84	.....	186 00	525 00	270 66	2054 37	9 78	1	18	156	.....
7. Trinity.....	33 00	23 00	10 00	8 00	11 00	8 00	15 00	11 50	.....	.....	1 85	.....	115 38	102 00	377 85	1350 97	7 19	1	24	180	9
8. Huntersville.....	9 00	9 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	.....	2 00	82 34	.....	55 00	643 03	13 12	1	14	90	10
9. Chestnut St.....	93 00	93 00	27 00	27 00	31 00	31 00	41 00	41 00	17 00	14 00	4 00	1 00	117 73	473 90	481 73	3265 74	7 74	1	39	196	.....
10. Liberty St.....	29 00	15 00	9 00	4 76	10 00	5 50	13 00	6 55	1 00	2 54	5 00	.....	38 35	.....	189 28	796 63	5 34	1	17	100	10
11. South Norfolk.....	84 00	50 93	25 00	15 00	28 00	12 00	37 00	20 00	9 00	7 80	10 00	2 00	97 29	78 50	133 59	1639 11	2 76	8	98	576	.....
12. East Norfolk	76 00	30 00	21 00	15 00	25 00	20 00	29 00	20 00	5 50	5 00	.....	.....	100 00	211 30	273 05	1995 55	12 55	2	35	125	5
13. Oaklette & Gilmerton	21 00	21 00	6 00	6 00	7 00	7 00	9 00	9 00	4 00	3 00	7 25	3 78	91 07	21 10	115 17	961 41	12 65	2	19	107	.....
14. Lambert's Point.....	33 00	20 00	10 00	6 00	11 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	4 85	.....	61 20	3053 00	660 45	4815 70	36 76	1	17	106	3
15. Ebenezer and Lynnhaven,	25 00	5 80	7 00	1 62	8 00	1 85	11 00	2 52	92	92	.....	1 00	39 62	767 44	127 98	1643 04	14 93	2	16	116	6
16. Princess Anne.....	76 00	70 00	22 00	18 00	25 00	12 00	33 00	12 31	10 00	8 00	23 00	3 98	149 75	94 00	435 00	2116 64	3 48	6	65	410	26	
17. South Princess Anne,	97 00	85 00	28 00	27 00	32 00	24 00	32 00	23 00	12 00	13 00	33 25	10 00	97 00	37 00	209 00	1918 75	2 26	7	130	680	39	
Totals for 1896.....	1430 00	1276 73	418 00	367 63	473 00	385 35	627 00	484 88	174 42	163 26	128 62	59 76	2519 68	23712 74	13400 70	68840 56	10 72	38	688	4389	172	
Totals for 1895	1430 00	1320 76	396 00	366 89	550 00	454 43	550 00	468 43	.....	177 20	236 08	124 69	2829 94	20268 83	14369 34	68417 11	10 79	37	659	4334	167
Increase .....	.....	.....	22 00	74	.....	.....	77 00	16 45	174 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	3443 91	.....	423 45	.....	1	29	55	5
Decrease .....	.....	44 03	.....	.....	77 00	69 08	.....	.....	.....	13 94	107 46	64 93	310 26	.....	968 64	.....	07	.....	.....	.....	.....

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.										
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.						
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.						Total Gains.	Deaths	Re-mov'ls	With-dr'w'ls		Expul-sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
										Profes-sion of Faith.	Certifi-cate and Other-wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re-mov'ls	With-dr'w'ls	Expul-sions.	Total Losses.													
1. Cumberland Street....	2	11	9	648	.....	648	677	.....	29	16	17	33	7	55	.....	.....	62	1	210	1	\$ 30000 00	1	\$ 5000 00	\$1100 00		
2. Epworth.....	2	1	18	691	.....	691	637	54	.....	25	83	108	8	42	4	.....	54	1	160	1	130000 00	1	7000 00	.....					
3. Centenary.....	.....	6	27	421	.....	421	393	28	.....	38	29	67	4	27	8	.....	39	1	200	1	32000 00	.....	.....	500 00
4. Queen Street.....	1	16	6	599	1	600	577	23	.....	23	22	45	10	10	2	.....	22	1	170	1	25000 00	.....	.....	1500 00		
5. McKendree.....	1	12	13	515	.....	515	487	28	.....	33	31	64	1	35	.....	.....	36	1	125	1	25000 00	.....	.....	500 00
6. Lekies Memorial.....	.....	.....	3	210	.....	210	267	.....	57	5	10	15	2	64	6	.....	72	1	56	1	14000 00	.....	.....	850 00
7. Trinity.....	.....	8	6	188	.....	188	189	.....	1	11	14	25	.....	26	.....	.....	26	1	52	1	4000 00	.....	.....	.....			
8. Huntersville.....	.....	4	8	49	.....	49	41	8	.....	11	6	17	1	8	.....	.....	9	1	10	1	2500 00	.....	.....	250 00
9. Chestnut St.....	.....	.....	11	422	.....	422	425	.....	3	4	8	12	2	12	1	.....	15	1	95	1	11000 00	1	3500 00	800 00	
10. Liberty St.....	.....	2	9	149	.....	149	147	2	.....	8	12	20	1	6	11	.....	18	1	41	1	4000 00	.....	.....	50 00
11. South Norfolk.....	1	32	16	596	.....	596	599	.....	3	82	12	94	13	66	14	4	97	1	20	7	8000 00	1	1600 00	1000 00				
12. East Norfolk.....	.....	3	.....	159	.....	159	153	6	.....	7	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	58	2	8500 00	1	2500 00	500 00
13. Oaklette & Gilmerton.....	.....	8	1	76	.....	76	60	16	.....	13	5	18	.....	1	1	.....	2	1	15	2	3000 00	.....	.....	250 00
14. Lambert's Point.....	.....	4	7	131	.....	131	119	12	.....	8	7	15	.....	3	.....	.....	3	1	52	1	2000 00	1	1500 00	.....					
15. Ebenezer and Lynnhaven,	.....	5	.....	110	.....	110	114	.....	4	5	3	8	1	6	5	.....	12	.....	.....	2	3500 00	.....	.....	1125 00
16. Princess Anne.....	2	21	52	607	.....	607	589	18	.....	58	3	61	9	19	15	.....	43	.....	.....	4	8800 00	1	1000 00	725 00	
17. South Princess Anne,	1	13	23	846	.....	846	863	.....	17	52	9	61	18	47	13	.....	78	1	40	7	6000 00	1	2000 00	500 00			
Totals for 1896.....	10	146	209	6417	1	6418	6337	81	.....	399	271	670	78	427	80	4	589	15	1304	35	317300 00	8	24100 00	9650 00					
Totals for 1895.....	9	135	166	6336	1	6337	7793	537	.....	395	591	986	75	674	83	.....	832	6	417	35	282200 00	8	24100 00	19275 00				
Increase.....	1	9	43	81	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	316	3	.....	.....	4	.....	9	887	.....	35100 00	.....	.....	9625 00
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1456	.....	.....	.....	320	.....	.....	247	3	.....	243	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. B'ds.
Eastern Shore Dist....	W. P. Wright, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Cape Charles City.....	Asa Driscoll.....	20 00	51 00	51 00	385 00	385 00	.....	11 00	12 24	12 00	11 00	.....	7 12
2. Franktown.....	N. H. Robertson...	45 00	94 00	94 00	900 00	900 00	.....	50 00	10 00	64 00	12 52	60 00	25 28
3. Capeville.....	W. R. Crowder.....	.....	105 00	105 00	1000 00	1000 00	.....	21 00	.....	25 00	.....	52 00	8 00
4. Belle Haven.....	J. L. Bray.....	.....	77 00	77 00	800 00	800 00	.....	21 00	.....	37 00	.....	122 54	15 00
5. Wachapreague and Cobb's Island,	E. E. Harrell and G. E. B. Smith,	35 00	97 00	97 00	1156 00	1156 00	.....	49 00	.....	75 00	.....	85 65	56 97
6. Pungoteague.....	J. R. Griffith.....	.....	115 00	87 25	1100 00	956 85	170 90	30 00	.....	40 00	.....	88 00	18 73
7. Onancock	G. E. Booker.....	.....	126 00	126 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	46 00	.....	76 00	.....	70 00	40 00
8. Accomac Courthouse	G. W. Jones.....	.....	43 00	38 50	417 00	371 50	50 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	12 00	10 44
9. Onley and Locustville	L. T. Hitt.....	.....	63 00	63 00	610 00	610 00	.....	26 00	.....	41 08	.....	61 04	24 59
10. Accomac	E. F. Garner.....	3 00	55 00	55 00	625 00	625 00	.....	20 00	.....	30 00	.....	25 00	16 13
11. Guilford	J. R. Sturgis.....	.....	58 00	58 00	700 00	700 00	.....	12 00	.....	15 00	.....	32 00	8 00
12. Atlantic.....	J. C. Watson.....	8 00	77 00	70 00	750 00	687 85	69 15	18 00	.....	25 21	5 00	.....	62 39
13. Sykes' Island.....	M. L. Williams.....	.....	44 00	33 76	440 00	343 27	106 97	6 00	.....	13 50	.....	.....	1 50
14. Wicomico.....	C. H. Galloway....	.....	56 00	56 00	600 00	600 00	.....	6 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	6 20
15. Berlin.....	F. W. Davis.....	.....	51 00	45 00	475 00	414 55	66 45	5 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....
16. Salisbury	H. E. Johnson.....	35 00	126 00	126 00	1250 00	1250 00	.....	5 00	59 00	5 00	101 00	46 81	.....
17. Cambridge Station....	R. H. Potts.....	.....	94 00	94 00	900 00	900 00	.....	15 00	5 00	15 00	12 00	18 60	.....
18. Cambridge Circuit....	A. A. Whitmore....	.....	73 00	69 59	700 00	667 32	36 09	15 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....
19. Dorchester.....	A. A. Jones.....	.....	64 00	54 52	611 00	535 53	84 95	20 00	.....	23 00	.....	.....	.....
20. Hooper's Island.....	J. D. Hosier.....	.....	31 00	31 00	300 00	300 00	.....	10 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1896.....	146 00	1500 00	1431 62	14819 00	14302 87	584 51	396 00	86 24	576 79	141 52	673 64	300 35
	Totals for 1895.....	138 80	1505 00	1434 98	14405 00	13819 86	655 16	482 79	51 00	761 28	94 20	538 20	210 75
	Increase	8 20	.....	.....	414 00	483 01	.....	.....	35 24	.....	47 32	135 44	89 60
	Decrease .....	.....	5 00	3 36	.....	.....	70 65	86 79	.....	184 49	.....	.....	.....

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Cape Charles City.....	\$ 36 00	\$ 16 00	\$ 10 50	\$ 4 25	\$ 12 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 16 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 30	\$ 11 83	\$ 1 32	\$ 42 20	\$ 515 34	\$ 175 00	\$ 1292 60	\$14 21	1	12	115	1
2. Franktown.....	66 00	66 00	19 00	19 00	21 60	21 60	28 80	28 80	11 70	10 25	7 80	1 08	56 63	367 91	141 39	1992 96	5 64	4	50	300	6
3. Capeville.....	72 00	33 01	21 00	7 00	24 00	6 00	32 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	50 00	460 00	218 00	2006 51	5 04	3	18	230	15
4. Belle Haven.....	54 00	25 00	16 00	8 00	18 00	7 00	24 00	9 00	2 50	2 50	5 00	.....	125 00	.....	68 38	1324 92	3 85	3	65	360	30
5. Wachapreague and Cobb's Island,	68 00	58 00	20 00	15 00	22 50	20 00	30 00	20 00	5 00	6 00	20 00	61	71 64	516 00	200 00	2486 87	4 65	6	72	412	10
6. Pungoteague.....	79 00	20 00	23 00	8 00	26 00	5 00	34 00	.....	.....	4 89	.....	.....	158 05	934 05	178 89	2529 71	4 62	4	58	400	.....
7. Onancock.....	86 00	45 00	25 00	20 00	28 00	10 00	30 00	10 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	.....	50 00	40 00	100 00	1751 00	4 00	2	52	360	.....
8. Accomac Courthouse	29 00	10 00	9 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	13 30	7 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	.....	20 29	125 00	75 00	706 73	5 79	1	10	70	.....
9. Onley and Locustville	43 00	21 52	12 50	6 00	14 00	5 60	14 00	8 25	3 84	2 94	5 94	.....	55 74	102 81	143 78	1182 13	6 03	2	32	168	3
10. Accomac.....	38 00	20 00	11 00	9 00	12 70	5 00	17 00	5 00	3 50	3 75	6 25	1 60	119 39	122 95	67 00	1137 57	4 72	3	64	202	.....
11. Guilford	40 00	14 00	12 00	4 00	13 40	2 00	17 80	3 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	79 00	411 00	132 00	1481 00	3 67	3	31	295	6
12. Atlantic.....	54 00	18 00	16 00	5 00	18 00	6 00	24 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	14 79	7 47	66 91	100 77	43 90	1147 29	4 45	3	47	314	.....
13. Sykes Island.....	30 00	1 50	9 00	50	10 00	1 25	13 30	2 00	25	25	2 25	25	34 88	110 00	75 00	626 16	5 90	1	27	128	.....
14. Wicomico.....	40 00	32 00	11 00	7 50	13 20	10 00	17 00	10 00	.....	2 00	3 18	.....	28 11	393 72	78 20	1242 91	3 67	4	58	225	7
15. Berlin.....	.....	15 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 72	.....	18 71	554 98	1 46	5	39	284	21
16. Salisbury.....	86 00	86 00	25 00	25 00	28 00	12 00	37 00	37 00	.....	13 00	5 00	5 00	35 00	875 00	293 00	3013 81	17 32	1	15	190	8
17. Cambridge Station.....	66 00	60 00	19 00	18 00	21 60	14 00	28 80	21 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	53 62	.....	316 56	1547 78	5 67	1	28	197	6
18. Cambridge Circuit.....	50 00	32 00	15 00	9 00	16 80	6 00	22 40	7 28	3 00	4 00	17 47	.....	39 57	44 50	69 18	1023 91	4 13	4	46	214	36
19. Dorchester	45 00	30 00	13 00	10 50	15 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	2 50	.....	41 15	137 00	108 60	987 80	2 95	5	60	182	13
20. Hooper's Island.....	22 00	10 00	6 50	6 50	7 20	5 00	9 60	6 00	3 90	3 30	2 50	.....	.....	1800 00	.....	2190 20	14 40	3	20	128	3
Totals for 1896.....	1040 00	613 03	304 00	192 25	344 00	161 45	456 00	206 33	53 69	76 18	125 01	21 33	1163 90	7056 05	2502 59	30226 84	5 11	59	804	4774	165
Totals for 1895.....	1040 00	658 81	288 00	202 93	400 00	191 18	400 00	205 19	.....	74 78	133 59	24 14	1023 75	5379 62	3136 69	28562 54	4 88	62	812	4762	143
Increase.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	56 00	1 14	53 69	1 40	.....	.....	140 15	1676 43	.....	1564 30	23	.....	.....	12	22
Decrease.....	.....	45 78	.....	10 68	56 00	29 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 58	2 81	.....	.....	634 10	.....	.....	3	8	.....	.....

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.													EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.							No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.		
										GAINS.			LOSSES.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
				White.	Colo'd					Profes- sion of Faith.	Certif- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- draw'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.								
1. Cape Charles City.....		1	3	91	.....	91	96	.....	5	1	11	12	3	12	2	.....	17	.....	...	1	\$ 8000 00	.....	\$ .....	\$ 150 00
2. Franktown.....		11	23	353	.....	353	345	8	.....	13	19	32	8	15	1	.....	24	1	34	2	9000 00	1	2000 00	300 00
3. Capeville.....	2	6	2	398	.....	398	414	.....	16	7	4	11	4	23	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	3	4500 00	1	1500 00	447 00
4. Belle Haven.....		7	.....	344	.....	344	328	16	.....	22	4	26	1	8	1	.....	10	.....	.....	3	5000 00	.....	.....	.....
5. Wachapreague and Cobb's Island,	.....	9	12	534	.....	534	531	3	.....	50	30	80	4	61	12	.....	77	1	26	6	7000 00	.....	.....	1000 00
6. Pungoteague.....	1	7	16	547	.....	547	537	10	.....	20	6	26	1	2	12	1	16	.....	.....	4	10000 00	1	2000 00	700 00
7. Onancock.....	.....	8	8	420	.....	420	433	.....	13	9	.....	9	2	19	1	.....	22	.....	.....	3	7000 00	1	1500 00	200 00
8. Accomac Courthouse	.....	.....	2	122	.....	122	146	.....	24	1	3	4	2	26	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	2	3000 00	.....	.....	250 00
9. Onley and Locustville	.....	1	.....	196	.....	196	190	6	.....	2	8	10	1	3	...	.....	4	.....	.....	2	4000 00	.....	.....	1100 00
10. Accomac.....	.....	3	1	241	.....	241	575	.....	334	4	4	8	2	340	.....	.....	342	1	20	2	3500 00	1	1200 00	300 00
11. Guilford.....	.....	29	.....	404	.....	404	.....	404	.....	49	357	406	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	3	2500 00	.....	.....	450 00
12. Atlantic.....	.....	2	3	258	.....	258	264	.....	6	8	1	9	3	8	4	.....	15	.....	.....	3	5500 00	1	1500 00	150 00
13. Sykes Island.....	.....	4	6	106	.....	106	114	.....	8	4	.....	4	4	.....	8	.....	12	.....	.....	1	2000 00	.....	.....	.....
14. Wicomico.....	.....	.....	10	339	.....	339	315	24	.....	22	4	26	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	4	5200 00	1	1100 00	350 00
15. Berlin.....	.....	2	5	380	.....	380	352	28	.....	35	2	37	3	6	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	5	4700 00	.....	.....	500 00
16. Salisbury.....	1	2	5	174	.....	174	181	.....	7	8	2	10	1	12	4	.....	17	1	25	1	8000 00	1	2500 00	1500 00
17. Cambridge Station....	1	2	25	273	.....	273	264	9	.....	13	9	22	5	8	.....	.....	13	1	30	1	20000 00	.....	.....	900 00
18. Cambridge Circuit.....	1	3	18	247	1	248	236	12	.....	19	3	22	3	6	1	.....	10	.....	.....	4	4600 00	1	1000 00	200 00
19. Dorchester.....	.....	1	37	335	.....	335	341	.....	6	14	3	17	2	11	10	.....	23	.....	.....	5	6500 00	1	1100 00	500 00
20. Hooper's Island.....	.....	.....	7	150	2	152	193	.....	41	3	1	4	2	43	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	2	3100 00	1	500 00	.....
Totals for 1896.....	6	98	183	5912	3	5915	5855	520	460	304	471	775	55	603	56	1	715	5	135	57	123100 00	11	15900 00	8997 00	
Totals for 1895.....	8	176	230	5853	2	5855	6285	452	.....	430	221	651	55	354	24	4	437	5	190	56	120700 00	12	16800 00	7605 00
Increase.....		78	59	1	60	250	124	249	32	278	1	2400 00	1392 00	
Decrease.....	2		47	430	126	3	55	1	900 00

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W M S.	Raised by R. B'ds
1. Richmond	Alex. G. Brown.....	\$ 142 40	\$1800 00	\$1745 97	\$20279 00	\$19872 39	\$460 64	\$961 31	\$58 18	\$1346 63	\$102 21	\$594 92	\$299 07
2. West Richmond.....	Paul Whitehead....	127 75	1773 00	1659 31	16654 50	16143 70	624 49	904 77	57 85	1540 00	86 33	715 38	324 21
3. Rappahannock.....	Charles E. Watts...	190 80	1399 00	1298 88	10273 00	9662 04	711 08	537 01	21 77	790 29	91 52	256 86	430 07
4. Charlottesville.....	J. S. Hunter.....	189 11	1448 80	1271 22	14113 50	12509 02	1782 06	492 87	36 50	753 69	56 88	157 50	165 33
5. Lynchburg.....	Oscar Littleton.....	216 00	1732 00	1630 50	15815 00	14717 91	1198 59	820 74	147 11	1921 30	58 51	644 98	285 29
6. Danville.....	J. E. Deshazo.....	122 98	1600 00	1354 55	14179 00	12321 48	2102 97	1039 82	46 75	1709 53	58 36	569 00	278 83
7. Farmville.....	J. H. Riddick.....	144 63	1720 00	1528 26	13726 00	12348 86	1568 88	807 97	42 25	1307 46	78 49	355 24	276 33
8. Petersburg.....	T. H. Campbell.....	155 40	1600 00	1530 81	16325 00	15588 25	805 94	812 09	70 88	1356 12	101 02	693 74	268 49
9. Portsmouth.....	Jos. H. Amiss.....	75 35	1652 00	1560 09	19703 00	18885 28	909 63	876 34	55 31	1355 46	246 48	571 89	361 56
10. Norfolk	J. Powell Garland.	93 53	1800 00	1766 00	20165 00	19821 70	377 30	1069 17	91 20	2034 82	89 48	801 59	399 30
11. Eastern Shore.....	Wm. P. Wright.....	146 00	1500 00	1431 62	14819 00	14302 87	584 51	396 00	86 24	576 79	141 52	673 64	300 35
	Totals for 1896.....	1603 95	18024 80	16777 21	176052 00	166173 50	11126 09	8721 09	714 04	14692 09	1110 80	6034 74	3383 83
	Totals for 1895.....	1373 09	17796 85	16570 29	176472 41	166095 16	11603 81	8977 28	693 66	15086 92	1209 20	5455 91	3612 97
	Increase.....	230 86	227 95	206 92	.....	78 34	.....	.....	20 38	.....	.....	578 83	.....
	Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	420 41	.....	477 72	256 19	.....	394 83	98 40	.....	224 14

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'L'S			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.													
1. Richmond	\$1430 00	\$1022 76	\$418 00	\$292 45	\$473 00	\$242 65	\$627 00	\$303 45	\$ 48 00	\$125 00	\$141 05	\$52 16	\$4011 60	\$6864 80	\$7587 64	\$ 45817 64	\$ 5 30	51	925	6443	470
2. West Richmond.....	1235 00	984 40	361 00	286 25	409 00	315 35	542 00	380 81	138 00	132 75	114 09	82 98	2618 02	3436 07	10817 90	40865 92	5 14	60	723	4722	382
3. Rappahannock.....	780 00	566 17	228 00	171 83	258 00	177 18	342 00	217 51	66 46	74 68	183 78	47 10	958 59	5635 26	1826 70	23204 50	3 14	70	745	5018	256
4. Charlottesville.....	1040 00	576 32	304 00	181 95	344 00	156 25	456 00	188 99	51 63	67 85	42 47	11 12	1197 43	4703 69	4355 07	27164 89	2 62	106	970	6145	255
5. Lynchburg.....	1170 00	869 19	342 00	249 06	387 00	239 66	513 00	304 39	115 03	99 67	96 42	31 66	1386 28	3796 54	8810 03	36140 27	4 31	75	774	5843	242
6. Danville	1170 00	743 22	342 00	212 76	387 00	219 04	513 00	280 00	98 80	89 89	76 17	52 78	1367 49	7323 16	5882 46	33847 07	4 30	114	867	8604	559
7. Farmville.....	1105 00	836 42	323 00	227 86	366 00	228 36	484 00	293 98	66 37	104 47	106 43	33 36	888 80	2511 00	3341 37	25527 91	3 19	82	661	4497	315
8. Petersburg.....	1235 00	926 00	361 00	254 70	408 00	261 45	541 00	333 00	92 00	110 50	115 96	40 42	1794 73	3879 55	5343 11	33728 22	3 99	80	819	5013	297
9. Portsmouth.....	1365 00	1049 92	399 00	310 35	451 00	297 40	599 00	373 90	99 01	125 22	154 49	50 97	1913 19	6236 80	9813 00	43912 01	6 62	54	720	4735	175
10. Norfolk.....	1430 00	1276 73	418 00	367 63	473 00	385 35	627 00	484 88	174 42	163 26	128 62	59 76	2519 68	23712 74	13400 70	68840 56	10 72	38	688	4389	172
11. Eastern Shore.....	1040 00	613 03	304 00	192 25	344 00	161 45	456 00	206 33	53 69	76 18	125 01	21 33	1163 90	7056 05	2502 59	30226 84	5 11	59	804	4774	165
Totals for 1896.....	13000 00	9464 16	3800 00	2747 09	4300 00	2684 14	5700 00	3367 24	1003 41	1169 47	1284 49	483 64	19819 71	75155 66	73180 57	409575 83	4 76	789	8696	60183	3288
Totals for 1895.....	13000 00	9723 36	3600 00	2779 18	5000 00	3172 81	5000 00	3236 34	.....	1267 51	1623 21	617 54	21502 36	79625 32	77676 63	420299 04	4 99	783	8412	59719	2674
Increase .....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	700 00	130 90	1003 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	284	464	614
Decrease .....	.....	259 20	.....	32 09	700 00	488 67	.....	.....	.....	98 04	338 72	133 90	1682 65	4469 66	4496 06	10723 21	23	.....	.....	.....	.....

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.																EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Value of all other Church Property.		
				White.	Color'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.									
1. Richmond	16	296	193	8643	7	8650	8234	416	.....	665	400	1065	140	496	66	5	707	19	1384	52	\$ 204500 00	10	\$16700 00	\$30915 00	
2. West Richmond.....	16	372	67	7924	1	7925	7316	609	.....	640	474	1114	81	395	28	1	505	13	926	65	221485 00	10	19900 00	8995 00	
3. Rappahannock..	8	234	62	7380	5	7385	7249	136	.....	381	201	582	101	188	27	1	317	5	105	65	105750 00	11	16700 00	3885 00	
4. Charlottesville.....	14	486	69	10349	15	10364	10363	1	.....	682	205	887	121	513	211	41	886	4	180	104	126400 00	15	24500 00	10225 00	
5. Lynchburg.....	10	410	107	8454	1	8455	8338	117	.....	616	243	859	74	597	69	2	742	18	958	69	139600 00	12	23200 00	11850 00	
6. Danville.....	21	400	57	7866	14	7880	7903	.....	23	539	215	754	80	596	83	18	777	8	375	83	168965 00	11	26300 00	9650 00	
7. Farmville.....	13	407	101	8004	6	8010	8182	.....	172	665	622	1287	90	550	56	47	743	6	283	82	95850 00	17	21050 00	6315 00	
8. Petersburg.....	10	225	122	8448	3	8451	7914	537	.....	406	259	665	104	646	94	.....	844	6	518	80	132000 00	15	24350 00	15925 00
9. Portsmouth.....	5	203	121	6600	31	6631	6614	17	.....	392	176	568	94	409	44	4	551	13	814	52	187100 00	17	30350 00	13825 00	
10. Norfolk	10	146	209	6417	1	6418	6337	81	.....	399	271	670	78	427	80	4	589	15	1304	35	317300 00	8	24100 00	9650 00	
11. Eastern Shore.....	6	98	183	5912	3	5915	5855	60	.....	304	471	775	55	603	56	1	715	5	135	57	123100 00	11	15900 00	8997 00	
Totals for 1896.....	129	3277	1291	85997	87	86084	84305	1779	.....	5689	3537	9226	1018	5420	814	124	7376	112	6982	744	1822050 00	137	243050 00	130232 00	
Totals for 1895.....	138	3209	1143	84220	85	84305	86711	.....	2406	5689	4295	9984	900	5918	654	62	7534	65	3649	730	1803318 45	135	248715 00	146460 00	
Increase .....	.....	68	148	1777	2	1779	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118	.....	160	62	.....	47	3333	14	18731 55	2	.....	.....
Decrease	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2406	.....	.....	.....	758	758	.....	498	.....	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	5665 00	.....	16228 00	

IX.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I. TRAVELING PREACHERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* into the traveling connection.

The letters denote: *E*—Elder; *D*—Deacon; *P*—Probationer; *Sy*—Supernumerary; *Sd*—Superannuated.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICES.
1. Allen, Wm. E.....	1859	E	Rip Raps, Va.
2. Amiss, Jos. H.....	1854	E	Portsmouth, Va.
3. Anderson, Jas. M.....	1857	E	Blackstone, Va.
4. Askew, Jacob B.....	1879	E	Meherrin, Va.
5. Atwill, Wm. H.....	1874	E	Norfolk, Va.
6. Austin, Daniel B.....	1891	E	Suffolk, Va.
7. Babcock, Jas. O.....	1887	E	Manchester, Va.
8. Bacon, Herbert T.....	1865	E Sd	Clarksville, Va.
9. Bain, Wm. F.....	1851	E Sd	Gordonsville, Va.
10. Baker, Jas. W.....	1892	D	Oaklette, Norfolk Co., Va.
11. Bane, Chas. L.....	1887	E	Louisa Courthouse, Va.
12. Banks, Leroy L.....	1891	E	Barhamsville, New Kent Co., Va.
13. Bargamin, V. W.....	1884	E	Smithfield, Va.
14. Barrett, Robt E.....	1881	E	Petersburg, Va.
15. Bates, Walter G.....	1880	E	King George Courthouse, Va.
16. Battin, Sam'l J.....	1896	P	Nashville, Tenn.
17. Baughan, Robt. S.....	1893	D	Benn's Church, Isle of Wight Co., Va.
18. Bayton, Thos. J.....	1846	E Sd	Portsmouth, Va.
19. Beadles, Robt. B.....	1855	E	Portsmouth, Va.
20. Beadles, R. Fletcher.....	1892	E	Richmond, Va.
21. Beauchamp, Wm. B.....	1893	D	Richmond, Va.
22. Beckham, Benj. M.....	1891	E	Richmond, Va.
23. Bell, P. M.....	1889	E	Chamblissburg, Bedford Co., Va.
24. Bennett, Richard H.....	1889	E	Norfolk, Va.
25. Bentley, Robt E.....	1892	E	Walkerton, King and Queen Co., Va.
26. Berryman, Albert C.....	1876	E	Amherst Courthouse, Va.
27. Betty, Lewis B.....	1875	E	Portsmouth, Va.
28. Blankenship, R. B.....	1877	E	Lovington, Nelson Co., Va.
29. Blankenship, Chas. E.....	1895	P	Ferrum, Franklin Co., Va.
30. Bledsoe, J. Wiley.....	1869	E	Charlottesville, Va.
31. Boggs, Chas. H.....	1851	E	Richmond, Va.
32. Boggs, Wm. G.....	1885	E	Norfolk, Va.
33. Booker, Geo. E.....	1859	E	Cambridge, Md.
34. Booker, Geo. E., Jr.....	1893	D	Orange, Va.

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35.	Bosman, John T.....	1884	E	Portsmouth, Va.
36.	Bowles, Henry C.....	1860	E Sd	Stella, Patrick Co., Va.
37.	Bradley, Paul.....	1875	E	Gordonsville, Va.
38.	Brannin, Jas. F.....	1845	E Sd	Kelley's Ford, Culpeper Co., Va.
39.	Bray, John L.....	1889	E	Belle Haven, Va.
40.	Brown, Alex. G.....	1852	E	Ashland, Va.
41.	Brown, Henry J.....	1884	E	Glendale, Henrico Co., Va.
42.	Bullard, Wm. E.....	1886	E	West Point, Va.
43.	Burton, Jno. M.....	1876	E	Lilian, Northumberland Co., Va.
44.	Butts, Daniel G. C.....	1870	E	Moorman's River, Albemarle Co., Va.
45.	Cain, Chas. W.....	1880	E	Blackstone, Va.
46.	Campbell, Thos H.....	1872	E	Ashland, Va.
47.	Camper, Wm. H.....	1859	E Sy	Nason, Orange Co., Va.
48.	Cannon, James, Jr.....	1888	E	Blackstone, Va.
49.	Carroll, Jno. W.....	1880	E	Batesville, Va.
50.	Carson, Esthmus V.....	1889	E	Amelia Courthouse, Va.
51.	Carson, Adrian L.....	1892	E	Mt. Carmel, Halifax Co., Va.
52.	Chandler, Richard M.....	1876	E	Berkley, Va.
53.	Cheatham, Henry C.....	1857	E	Suffolk, Va.
54.	Christian, W. Asbury.....	1892	E	Lynchburg, Va.
55.	Clarke, John L.....	1848	E Sd	Charlottesville, Va.
56.	Clarke, Randolph T.	1889	E	Cascade, Pittsylvania Co., Va.
57.	Clements, Patrick H.....	1895	P D	Lynchburg, Va.
58.	Colonna, Major S.....	1858	E	Boykin's, Southampton Co., Va.
59.	Colonna, Major S., Jr.....	1894	D	Farnham, Richmond Co., Va.
60.	Comer, Chas. F.....	1882	E	Madison Courthouse, Va.
61.	Compton, Robt. A.....	1862	E	Churchland, Norfolk Co., Va.
62.	Conrad, W. A. S.....	1888	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock Co., Va.
63.	Crawley, Chas. D.....	1874	E	Hickory, Norfolk Co., Va.
64.	Crider, Jno. W.....	1854	E Sd	Norfolk, Va.
65.	Crocker, Wm. A.....	1843	E Sd	Lilian, Northumberland Co., Va.
66.	Crooks, Robt. N.....	1855	E Sd	Yorktown, Va.
67.	Crowder, Wm. R.....	1883	E	Cheriton, Northampton Co., Va.
68.	Dadmun, Edward T.....	1892	E	Danville, Va.
69.	Davidson, M. A.....	1858	E	Harris' Creek, Amherst Co., Va.
70.	Davis, Wilbur F.....	1885	E	Richmond, Va.
71.	Davis, Fred. G.....	1894	D	Whaleyville, Va.
72.	Day, Sam'l W.....	1891	E	Hewlett, Hanover Co., Va.
73.	DeBerry, Junius B.....	1876	E	Disputanta, Prince George Co., Va.
74.	Deshazo, Jno. E.....	1875	E	Mathews Courthouse, Va.
75.	Dey, Jno. B.....	1847	E Sd	Prospect, Prince Edward Co., Va.
76.	Dey, Bascom.....	1885	E	Prospect, Prince Edward Co., Va.
77.	Drewry, Sam'l R.....	1890	E	Whitmell, Pittsylvania Co., Va.
78.	Driscoll, Asa.....	1891	E	Red House, Charlotte Co., Va.
79.	Duke, Thos. P.....	1877	E	Elba, Pittsylvania Co., Va.
80.	Dyer, Gustavus W.....	1894	D	Danville, Va.
81.	Early, Thos. H.....	1857	E Sy	Lynchburg, Va.
82.	Edwards, Jos. J.....	1850	E Sd	Shackleford's, King & Queen Co., Va.
83.	Edwards, Wm. E.....	1862	E	Petersburg, Va.
84.	Edwards, Wm. Henry.....	1876	E	Norfolk, Va.
85.	Edwards, Theo. O.....	1878	E	Shackleford's, King & Queen Co., Va.
86.	Edwards, Francis M.	1863	E	South Boston, Va.
87.	Elliott, M. S.....	1889	E	Meadsville, Halifax Co., Va.
88.	Ferguson, Richard.....	1869	E	Rustburg, Campbell Co., Va.
89.	Forkner, Jas. D.....	1885	E	Oldham's, Westmoreland Co., Va.
90.	Foushee, Nathan B.....	1876	E	Newsom's, Southampton Co., Va.
91.	Franklin, Alex. L.....	1895	P	Lunenburg, Va.
92.	Galloway, Chas. H.....	1891	D	Allen, Wicomico Co., Md.
93.	Garland, J. Powell.....	1858	E	Norfolk, Va.

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94.	Garland, Robt. C	1896	P	Rocky Mount, Va.
95.	Garner, Emmet F.....	1890	E	Temperanceville, Accomac Co., Va.
96.	Gates, Jas. E.....	1871	E Sd	Bedford City, Va.
97.	Gayle, R. Finley.....	1879	E	Onancock, Va.
98.	Gibbs, Chas. T.....	1894	D	Roxbury, Charles City Co., Va.
99.	Gill, John R.....	1892	E	Beach, Chesterfield Co., Va.
100.	Granbery, Jno. C., Jr.....	1896	P	Bishopville, Md.
101.	Grant, Wm. E.....	1880	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham Co., Va.
102.	Green, Wm. T.....	1878	E	Danville, Va.
103.	Green, Chas. H.....	1873	E	Reams' Station, Va.
104.	Greene, Geo. F.....	1892	E	Crittenden, Nansemond Co., Va.
105.	Gregory, Werter H.	1871	E	Martinsville, Va.
106.	Griffith, J. R.....	1866	E	Pungoteague, Va.
107.	Hall, Alex. M.....	1852	E Sd	Petersburg, Va.
108.	Hall, Ernest F.....	1893	D	Montross, Westmoreland Co., Va.
109.	Hank, Josiah D.....	1857	E	Tanner's Creek, Norfolk Co., Va.
110.	Hardy, Porter.....	1888	E	Enfield, King William Co., Va.
111.	Harrell, Emmett E.....	1883	E	Keller, Accomac Co., Va.
112.	Hatcher, Samuel C.....	1893	D	Richmond, Va.
113.	Hayes, Wm. F.....	1882	E	Bowling Green, Va.
114.	Haynes, W. T. A.....	1894	D	Mt. Laurel, Halifax Co., Va.
115.	Heckman, Jas. W.....	1890	E	Dover Mines, Goochland Co., Va.
116.	Herrink, Benj. S.....	1874	E	Marengo, Mecklenburg Co., Va.
117.	Hitt, Luther T.....	1892	D	Onley, Accomac Co., Va.
118.	Hobday, Chas. E.....	1867	E	Grafton, York Co., Va.
119.	Hope, Herbert M.....	1873	E	Petersburg, Va.
120.	Hosier, Jno. D.....	1895	P D	Fishing Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.
121.	Hunter, Joshua S.....	1870	E	Charlottesville, Va.
122.	James, C. Rosser.....	1888	E	Heathsville, Va.
123.	James, Richard G.....	1892	E	Woodville, Rappahannock Co., Va.
124.	Jett, Wm. B.....	1890	E	Miller's Tavern, Essex Co., Va.
125.	Johnson, S. Harvey.....	1876	E	Appomattox, Va.
126.	Johnson, Henry E.....	1857	E	Norfolk, Va.
127.	Johnson, Thos. E.....	1894	P D	Otter Hill, Bedford Co., Va.
128.	Jolliff, Jas. K.....	1892	E	Cape Charles City, Va.
129.	Jones, Albert A.....	1887	E	Thalia, Princess Anne Co., Va.
130.	Jones, Geo. Wesley.....	1894	D	Pungoteague, Va.
131.	Jordan, Wm. P.....	1869	E	Ford's, Dinwiddie Co., Va.
132.	Jordan, Edward M.....	1869	E Sd	Ashland, Va.
133.	Jordan, Arthur C.....	1880	E	Allwood, Amherst Co., Va.
134.	Judkins, Wm. E.....	1853	E	Ashland, Va.
135.	Kabler, John H.....	1873	E	Scottsville, Va.
136.	Lafferty, John J.....	1857	E	Crozet, Va.
137.	Lambeth, Sam'l S.....	1857	E	Bedford City, Va.
138.	Lambeth, Graham H.....	1895	P	Hampton, Va.
139.	Latham, Jos. N.....	1892	E	Williamsburg, Va.
140.	Laughon, Wm. A.....	1867	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
141.	Lavinder, Jesse B.....	1896	P	Moorman's River, Albemarle Co., Va.
142.	Lear, Wm. W.....	1875	E	Manchester, Va.
143.	Ledbetter, B. E.....	1869	E	Lancaster, Va.
144.	Leftwich, Clarke W.....	1887	D	Boonsboro, Bedford Co., Va.
145.	Lennon, Joseph G.....	1886	E	Berkley, Va.
146.	Lipscomb, Bernard F.....	1876	E	Danville, Va.
147.	Littleton, Oscar.....	1850	E	Lynchburg, Va.
148.	Manning, Jacob.....	1839	E Sd	Farmville, Va.
149.	Martin, Oscar L.....	1885	E	Union Hall, Franklin Co., Va.
150.	Martin, Henry F. B.....	1895	P D	Stuart, Va.
151.	Mastin, Joseph T.....	1876	E	Richmond, Va.
152.	Maxey, Robert M.....	1886	E	Lawrenceville, Va.

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153.	McClelland, John.....	1845	E Sd	Comet, Isle of Wight Co., Va.
154.	McFaden, Geo. H.....	1886	E	Atlee's, Hanover Co., Va.
155.	McGhee, Chas. H.....	1884	E	Smithfield, Va.
156.	McSparran, Jas. E.....	1857	E	Gum Spring, Louisa Co., Va.
157.	McSparran, Francis B.....	1896	P	Ashland, Va.
158.	Merritt, Jos. B.....	1862	E	Norfolk, Va.
159.	Mitchell, Hezekiah P.....	1854	E	Culpeper, Va.
160.	Moore, Jno. T.....	1873	E	Wakefield, Sussex Co., Va.
161.	Moore, Jas. W.....	1888	E	Norfolk, Va.
162.	Moss, Jas. O.....	1856	E	Hayes' Store, Gloucester Co., Va.
163.	Moss, John O.....	1877	E	Hollydale, Lunenburg Co., Va.
164.	Moss, Jas. H.....	1888	E	Emory, Washington Co., Va.
165.	Mullen, Robert H.....	1886	E	Christie, Halifax Co., Va.
166.	Nicholson, John W.....	1886	E	Edmond's Store, Brunswick Co., Va.
167.	Oyler, Jas. E.....	1896	P	Bunker Hill, Bedford Co., Va.
168.	Pace, Wm. C.....	1894	D	Dendron, Surry Co., Va.
169.	Parham, Edgar P.....	1882	E	Clarksville, Va.
170.	Parrish, John W.....	1894	E	Concord, Va.
171.	Payne, John T.....	1884	E	Gordonsville, Va.
172.	Peerman, Ernest L.....	1896	P	Accomac Courthouse, Va.
173.	Pell, Edward L.....	1881	E	Richmond, Va.
174.	Peters, Jas. S.....	1893	D	Cartersville, Va.
175.	Peterson, Edward M.....	1852	E	Petersburg, Va.
176.	Phaup, Leroy J.....	1889	E	Lynchburg, Va.
177.	Potts, Joseph E.....	1853	E	Belle Roi, Gloucester Co., Va.
178.	Potts, Reginald H.....	1882	E	Salisbury, Md.
179.	Potts, Thos. N.....	1884	E	Richmond, Va.
180.	Potts, Edgar A.....	1891	E	Norfolk, Va.
181.	Potts, Eugene J.....	1894	P	Belle Roi, Gloucester Co., Va.
182.	Pribble, John L.....	1884	E	Hicks' Wharf, Mathews Co., Va.
183.	Proctor, Joseph A.....	1852	E Sy	Hickory, Norfolk Co., Va.
184.	Proctor, Jacob H.....	1857	E Sd	Petersburg, Va.
185.	Proctor, Wm. R.....	1889	E	Portsmouth, Va.
186.	Proctor, Fred W.....	1893	D	Ruther Glen, Caroline Co., Va.
187.	Pruden, Nathaniel J.....	1876	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna Co., Va.
188.	Pullen, Thos G.....	1884	E	Rocky Mount, Va.
189.	Rawlings, Eugene H.....	1890	E	Richmond, Va.
190.	Ray, Geo. H.....	1853	E	Portsmouth, Va.
191.	Reed, Lemuel S.....	1849	E Sd	Farmville, Va.
192.	Reed, Jas. C.....	1868	E	Lynchburg, Va.
193.	Reed, Dexter W.....	1894	D	Matoaca, Chesterfield Co., Va.
194.	Rhodes, Jno. Q.....	1869	E	Stanardsville, Greene Co., Va.
195.	Rice, Albert S. J.	1891	E	Quinton, New Kent Co., Va.
196.	Riddick, Jas. A.....	1833	E Sd	Petersburg, Va.
197.	Riddick, Joseph H.....	1854	E	Farmville, Va.
198.	Riddick, Wm. H.....	1877	E	Bon Air, Va.
199.	Riddick, Jas. E. R.....	1882	E	Coman's Well, Sussex Co., Va.
200.	Robins, Jno. W. S.....	1877	E	Irrington, Lancaster Co., Va.
201.	Robinson, Wm. A.....	1850	E Sd	Tappahannock, Va.
202.	Robertson, Nicholas H.....	1885	E	Franktown, Va.
203.	Routten, Joseph T.....	1880	E	Crewe, Va.
204.	Rowe, Edgar H.....	1884	E	Bowling Green, Va.
205.	Royall, Wm. W.....	1875	E	Chase City, Va.
206.	Rucker, McDaniel.....	1884	E	Ettrick, Va.
207.	Saunders, Robt. M.....	1849	E	Lynchburg, Va.
208.	Sawyer, Walter W.....	1880	E	Oak Forest, Cumberland Co., Va.
209.	Scott, Richard B.....	1877	E	Chester, Va.
210.	Shackford, Jos. W.....	1874	E	Bedford City, Va.
211.	Sharpe, Arthur B.....	1893	D	Drake's Branch, Va.

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212.	Shearer, Lewis C.....	1895	P D	Lynchburg, Va.
213.	Simpson, Thos. McN.....	1877	E	Farmville, Va.
214.	Sledd, Robert N.....	1857	E	Danville, Va.
215.	Smith, Benj. F.....	1887	E	Charlottesville, Va.
216.	Smith, A. Coke.....	1872	E	Lynchburg, Va.
217.	Smith, Geo. E. B.....	1895	P D	Grangeville, Accomac Co., Va.
218.	Smithey, Wm. R.....	1873	E	White Plains, Brunswick Co., Va.
219.	Southall, Wm. W.....	1887	E Sy	Jetersville, Va.
220.	Spencer, Jas. L.....	1850	E	Nottoway, Va.
221.	Spooner, G. Hansford.....	1891	E	Nimmo's, Princess Anne Co., Va.
222.	Starr, Wm. G.....	1860	E	Richmond, Va.
223.	Stevens, Ernest.....	1885	E	Lynchburg, Va.
224.	Stiff, Jas. W.....	1878	E	Petersburg, Va.
225.	Sturgis, Jos. R.....	1878	E	Bloxom, Accomac Co., Va.
226.	Taylor, Travis J.....	1867	E	Richmond, Va.
227.	Thomas, Jos. A.....	1892	E	Windsor, Isle of Wight Co., Va.
228.	Thompson, Wm. E.....	1891	E	Boydton, Va.
229.	Tillett, Wilbur F.....	1880	E	Nashville, Tenn.
230.	Tompkins, Wm. A.....	1880	E	Buckingham, Va.
231.	Traynham, David J.....	1878	E	North View, Mecklenburg Co., Va.
232.	Tudor, Wm. V.....	1855	E	Richmond, Va.
233.	Turner, Chas. W.....	1887	E	Meridian, Dinwiddie Co., Va.
234.	Vaden, Wesley C.....	1861	E	Cape Charles City, Va.
235.	Vanderslice, Geo. C.....	1859	E	Richmond, Va.
236.	Waggener, Jas. R.....	1849	E Sd	Birmingham, Ala.
237.	Wallace, David M.....	1853	E Sd	Church Road, Dinwiddie Co., Va.
238.	Wallace, Jno. S.....	1879	E	Pleasant Ridge, Prin. Anne Co., Va.
239.	Wamsley, C. S.....	1879	E Sd	Ashland, Va.
240.	Ware, Wilkinson L.....	1895	P	Elmington, Nelson Co., Va.
241.	Waterfield, Robt. T.....	1893	D	Portsmouth, Va.
242.	Watson, J. Carson.....	1859	E	Oak Hall, Accomac Co., Va.
243.	Watts, Robert W.....	1857	E	Forest Depot, Bedford Co., Va.
244.	Watts, Chas. E.....	1866	E	Bowling Green, Va.
245.	Watts, Morton S.....	1874	E	Saluda, Middlesex Co., Va.
246.	Wertenbaker, Chas. C.....	1868	E	Franklin, Southampton Co., Va.
247.	White, John E.....	1896	P	Cheriton, Northampton Co., Va.
248.	Whitehead, Paul.....	1853	E	Richmond, Va.
249.	Whitley, Jesse T.....	1869	E	Hampton, Va.
250.	Whitmore, A. A.	1893	D	Cambridge, Md.
251.	Wiley, Geo. H.....	1886	E	Lynch's, Campbell Co., Va.
252.	Williams, Wm. T.....	1860	E	Swansboro, Va.
253.	Williams, Milton L.....	1887	E	Sykes, Accomac Co., Va.
254.	Williams, Walter J.....	1891	E	Stevensburg, Culpeper Co., Va.
255.	Williams, Chas. H.....	1892	E	Spottsylvania, Va.
256.	Williams, Lloyd T.....	1894	P D	Wheaton, Lancaster Co., Va.
257.	Wilson, Richard T.....	1887	E	Petersburg, Va.
258.	Wingfield, Robt. L.....	1894	D	Stockton, Henry Co., Va.
259.	Winn, John B.....	1891	E	Chatham, Va.
260.	Wise, Thos. P.....	1863	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
261.	Woodward, John P.....	1853	E Sd	Disputanta, Va.
262.	Wray, Geo. W.....	1877	E	Newport Vews, Va.
263.	Wray, Thos. J.....	1884	E	Madison, Dorchester Co., Md.
264.	Wright, Wm. P.....	1867	E	Danville, Va.
265.	Young, W. J.....	1879	E	Norfolk, Va.
266.	Younger, Robt. H.....	1876	E	Emporia, Va.

II. LAY DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE, AND ALTERNATES WHO WERE PRESENT AND SERVED.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	DISTRICT.	POST-OFFICE.
Acuff, W. F. (Alt.).....	Danville.....	Elba, Pittsylvania Co., Va.
*Ames, L. D.....	Portsmouth.....	Churchland, Va.
Anderson, Garrett.....	Richmond.....	Shackleford's, King & Queen Co., Va.
Armistead, Cary P.....	Richmond.....	Williamsburg, Va.
Bradbury, Jno. W. (Alt.)..	Petersburg.....	Petersburg, Va.
Bridgforth, Robert E.....	Farmville.....	Amelia Courthouse, Va.
Burgess, J. A.....	Charlottesville....	Culpeper, Va.
Busby (Rev.), John H....	Richmond.....	Manchester, Va.
Carter, C. D.....	Charlottesville....	Charlottesville, Va.
*Carter, R. J.....	Farmville.....	Prospect, Prince Edward Co., Va.
Cocke, Thos. F.....	West Richmond...	Enfield, King William Co., Va.
*Cogbill, M. A.	West Richmond...	Chesterfield Courthouse, Va.
Davis, John W. C.....	Rappahannock ...	Hague, Westmoreland, Va.
Davis, Richard B.....	Petersburg.....	Petersburg, Va.
Davis, Thomas J.....	Farmville.....	Farmville, Va.
*Dickinson, D. C.....	Danville.....	Union Hall, Franklin Co., Va.
Eastbourn, Oliver.....	Rappahannock ...	Fredericksburg, Va.
Eley, A. W.....	Portsmouth.....	Suffolk, Va.
Folk, W. D.....	Portsmouth.....	Smithfield, Va.
Grandy, J. W.	Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.
Hartley, R. B.....	Petersburg	Stony Creek, Sussex Co., Va.
Hines, P. E.....	Eastern Shore....	Cambridge, Md.
Hunt, G. J.....	West Richmond...	Richmond, Va.
Hyslop, L. J.....	Eastern Shore....	Keller, Va.
Irby, Richard.....	West Richmond...	Ashland, Va.
Kellam, A. E.....	Norfolk	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
Kidd, W. J.	Charlottesville....	Lovingsston, Nelson Co., Va.
Logwood, H. S.....	Lynchburg.....	Charlemont, Bedford Co., Va.
Marsh, C. W.....	Eastern Shore....	Harborton, Va.
Medlock, J. E.....	Petersburg.....	Meridian, Va.
Minor, J. T.....	Rappahannock ...	Comorn, King George Co., Va.
*Mitchell, W. D.....	Danville.....	Ridgeway, Va.
Moseley, E. C.....	Danville.....	Danville, Va.
Norsworthy, A. W.....	Farmville.....	Crewe, Va.
Nowlin, A. W.....	Lynchburg.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Peatross, R. O.....	Rappahannock ...	Bowling Green, Va.
Roberts, J. H.....	Eastern Shore....	Bridgeton, Va.
Shearer, W. N.....	Lynchburg.....	Karl, Appomattox Co., Va.
*Shipp, John A.....	Norfolk	Pleasant Ridge, Va.
Southall, H. A.....	Charlottesville....	Orange Courthouse, Va.
Spencer, J. F.....	Lynchburg.....	Bedford City, Va.
Turner, S. D.....	Richmond.....	Elko, Henrico Co., Va.
Vicar, W. W.....	Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.
Wheary, W. H.....	Petersburg.....	Ettrick, Va.
White, E. V.....	Portsmouth.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Williams, Edward	Danville.....	Malmaison, Pittsylvania Co., Va.

REPORT OF P. A. KRISE, TREASURER OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON
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NOVEMBER 11-18, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

From W. W. Vicar, Treasurer..... \$1,200 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Miss Fannie Early.....	\$ 18 00
Mrs. P. M. Stricken.....	29 50
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	<hr/> 813 20
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$1,209 61	
Interest on same.....	55 44	
From pastoral charges.....	1,169 47	
		<u>\$2,434 52</u>

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Paid expenses of Lynchburg Conference, per statement of P. A. Krise, Treasurer.....		1,087 07
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